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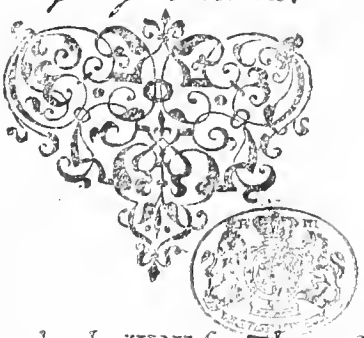
THE

True Tragedie of Richarde Duke of Yorke, and the death of good King Henrie the ſixt:

VVith the whole contention betweene the two Houſes, Lancaſter and Yorke: as it was ſundry times acted by the Right Honourable the Earle of Pembrooke his ſeruantes.

George Peeveus.



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THE TRVE TRAGEDIE
OF RICHARD DVKE OF YORKE,
AND THE GOOD KING
HENRIE THE SIXT.

Enter Richarde *Duke of Yorke, The Earle of* Warwicke, *The Duke of* Norffolke, Marquis Montague, Edward *Earle of March,* Crookeback Richard, *& the young Earle of* Rutland, *with Drumme and Souldiers, with white Roses in their hattes.*

Warwicke.

I Wonder how the King eſcapt our handes?
Yorke. Whilſt we purſude the Horſemen of the North,
He ſlily ſtole away, and left his men:
Whereat the great Lord of Northumberland,
Whoſe warlike eares could neuer brooke retrait,
Chargde our maine Battels front, and therewith him
Lord *Stafford* and Lord *Clifford* all abreſt
Brake in, & were by the hands of common Souldiers ſlaine.
Edw. Lord *Staffords* father, Duke of *Buckingham,*
Is either ſlaine, or wounded dangerouſly;
I cleft his Beuer with a downe right blow:
Father that this is true, behold his bloud.
Mont. And brother, heeres the Earle of *Wiltſhires* blood,
Whom I incountred as the Battailes ioynd.
Rich. Speake thou for me, and tell them what I did.
York. What, is your grace dead my L. of *Summerſet?*
Norf. Such hope haue all the line of *Iohn* of *Gaunt.*
Rich. Thus doe I hope to ſhape King *Henries* head,
War. And ſo do I victorious Prince of Yorke,
Before I ſee thee ſeated in that throne,
Which now the houſe of *Lancaſter* vſurpes,

I vow by heauens theſe eies ſhall neuer cloſe.
This is the Pallace of that fearfull king,
And that the regall chaire; Poſſeſſe it Yorke:
For this is thine, and not king *Henries* heires.
York. Aſſiſt me then ſweet *VVarwicke*, and I will:
For hither are we broken in by force.
Norff. Weele all aſſiſt thee, and he that flies ſhall die.
York. Thanks gentle *Norffolke*. Staie by me my Lords:
and ſouldiers ſtaie you heere and lodge this night:
VVar. And when the king comes, offer him no violence,
Vnleſſe he ſeeke to put vs out by force.
Rich. Armde as we be, lets ſtaie within this houſe?
VVar. The bloudie parlement ſhall this be calde:
Vnleſſe *Plantagenet* Duke of Yorke be king,
And baſhfull *Henrie* be depoſde, whoſe cowardiſe
Hath made vs by-words to our enemies.
Yor. Then leaue me not my Lords, for now I meane
To take poſſeſsion of my right.
War. Neither the king, nor him that loues him beſt,
The proudeſt bird that holds vp *Lancaſter*,
Dares ſtirre a wing, if *Warwicke* ſhake his bels.
Ile plant *Plantagenet*: and roote him out who dares?
Reſolue thee *Richard*: Claime the Engliſh crowne.

Enter King Henrie the ſixt, with the Duke of Exceſter, The Earle of Northumberland, The Earle of Weſtmerland, and Clifford, the Earle of Cumberland, with red Roſes in their hats.

King. Looke Lordings where the ſturdy rebel ſits,
Euen in the chaire of ſtate: belike he meanes
Backt by the power of *Warwicke* that falſe peere,
To aſpire vnto the crowne, and raigne as king.
Earle of *Northumberland*, he ſlew thy Father:
And thine *Clifford*: and you both haue vow'd reuenge,
On him, his ſonnes, his fauorites, and his friends.
Northu. And if I be not, heauens be reuengd on me.
Clif. The hope thereof makes *Clifford* mourne in ſteele.
Weſt. What? ſhall we ſuffer this? lets pull him downe,
My heart for anger breakes, I cannot ſpeake.

King.

King. Be patient gentle Earle of *Weſtmerland.*
Clif. Patience is for pultrouns ſuch as he,
He durſt not ſit there, had your father liu'd?
My gratious Lord: heere in the Parlement,
Let vs aſſaile the familie of Yorke.
North. Well haſt thou ſpoken couſen, be it ſo.
King. O know you not the Cittie fauours them,
And they haue troopes of ſouldiers at their becke?
Exet. But when the D. is ſlaine, theile quickly flie.
King. Farre be it from the thoughtes of *Henries* heart,
To make a ſhambles of the parlement houſe.
Coſen of *Exeter*, words, frownes, and threats,
Shall be the warres that Henrie meanes to vſe.
Thou factious duke of Yorke, deſcend my throne,
I am thy Soueraigne.
Yor. Thou art deceiu'd: I am thine.
Exet. For ſhame come downe, he made thee D. of *Yorke.*
Yor. 'Twas mine inheritance as the kingdom is.
Exet. Thy father was a traitour to the crowne.
War. Exeter thou art a traitour to the crowne,
In following this vſurping *Henrie.*
Clif. Whom ſhould he followe but his naturall King?
VVar. True *Clif*, and that is *Richard* duke of Yorke.
King. And ſhall I ſtand while thou ſitſt in my throne?
Yor. Content thy ſelfe, it muſt, and ſhall be ſo.
VVar. Be duke of *Lancaſter*, let him be King.
VVeſt. Why? he is both King and D. of *Lancaſter*,
And that the Earle of *VVeſtmerland* ſhall maintaine.
VVar. And *VVarwicke* ſhall diſproue it. You forget
That we are thoſe that chaſte you from the field,
And ſlew your father, and with colours ſpred
Marcht through the Cittie to the pallace gates.
Nor. No *VVarwicke* I remember it to my greife,
And by his ſoule, thou and thy houſe ſhall rue it.
Weſt. Plantagenet, of thee and of thy ſonnes,
Thy kinſmen, and thy friends, Ile haue more liues,
Then drops of bloud were in my fathers vaines.
Clif. Vrge it no more, leaſt in reuenge thereof,

I ſend thee *Warwicke* ſuch a meſſenger,
As ſhall reuenge his death before I ſtirre.
War. Poore *Clifford* how I ſcorne thy worthleſſe threats.
Yor. Will ye we ſhewe our title to the Crowne,
Or els our ſwordes ſhall plead it in the field?
King. What title haſt thou traitour to the Crowne?
Thy father was as thou art, Duke of *Yorke*,
Thy grandfather *Roger Mortimer* Earle of *March*.
I am the ſonne of Henrie the fift, who tamde the *French*,
And made the Dolphin ſtoupe, and ſeazd vpon their
Townes and prouinces.
War. Talke not of *Fraunce* ſince thou haſt loſt it all.
King. The Lord protector loſt it and not I,
When I was crownd, I was but nine months olde,
Rich. You are old enough now & yet me thinkes you loſe,
Father teare the Crowne from the Vſurpers head.
Edw. Do ſo ſweet father, ſet it on your head.
Mont. Good brother, as thou lou'ſt and honourſt armes,
Lets fight it out and not ſtand cauilling thus.
Rich. Sound drums and trumpets, & the King will flie.
Yor. Peace ſonnes.
Nor. Peace thou, and giue King *Henrie* leaue to ſpeake.
King. Ah *Plantagenet*, why ſeekeſt thou to depoſe me?
Are we not both *Plantagenets* by birth,
And from two brothers lineally diſcent?
Suppoſe by right and equitie thou be King,
Thinkſt thou that I will leaue my Kingly ſeate
Wherin my father and my grandſire ſate?
No, firſt ſhall warre vnpeople this my realme,
I, and our colours often borne in *Fraunce*,
And now in *England* to our heartes great ſorrow
Shall be my winding ſheete: why faint you Lords?
My title's better farre then his.
War. Proue it *Henrie*, and thou ſhalt be King.
King. Why, *Henrie* the fourth by conqueſt got the crowne.
Yor. Twas by rebellion gainſt his Soueraigne.
King. I know not what to ſay, my title's weake.
Tell me, may not a King adopt an heire?

War. What then?
King. Then am I lawfull King, for *Richard*
The ſecond, in the view of many Lords,
Reſignde the Crowne to *Henerie* the fourth,
Whoſe heire my father was, and I am his.
Yor. I tell thee he roſe againſt him, being his Soueraigne,
And made him to reſigne the Crowne perforce.
VVar. Suppoſe my Lord he did it vnconſtrainde,
Thinke you that were preiudiciall to the Crowne?
Exet. No, for he could not ſo reſigne the Crowne,
But that the next heire muſt ſucceed and raigne.
King. Art thou againſt vs, Duke of *Exeter*?
Exet. His is the right, and therfore pardon me.
King. All will reuolt from me and turne to him.
Nor. Plantagenet, for all the claime thou layeſt,
Thinke not king *Henrie* ſhall be thus depoſde.
VVar. Depoſde he ſhall be in deſpight of thee.
Nor. Tuſh *Warwicke*, thou art deceiued? tis not thy
Southerne powers of *Eſſex*, *Suffolke*, *Norffolke*, and of *Kent*,
That makes thee thus preſumptuous and proud,
Can ſet the Duke vp in deſpight of me.
Clif King *Henrie* be thy title right or wrong,
Lord *Clifford* vowes to fight in thy defence.
May that ground gape and ſwallow me aliue,
Where I do kneele to him that ſlew my father.
King. O *Clifford*, how thy words reuiue my ſoule.
Yor. Henrie of *Lancaſter* reſigne thy crowne.
What mutter you, or what conſpire you Lords?
War. Do right vnto this princely Duke of *Yorke*,
Or I will fill the houſe with armed men,
Enter Souldiers.
And ouer the Chaire of ſtate where now he ſits,
Write vp his title with thy vſurping bloud.
King. O *Warwicke*, heare me ſpeake,
Let me but raigne in quiet whilſt I liue.
Yor. Confirme the Crowne to me and to mine heires,
And thou ſhalt raigne in quiet whilſt thou liu'ſt.
King. Conuaie the Souldiers hence, and then I will.

VVar. Captaine, conduct them into *Tuthill* fields.
Clif. What wrong is this vnto the Prince your Sonne?
VVar. What good is this for England and himſelfe?
Northum. Baſe, fearefull, and deſpairing *Henry*.
Clif. How haſt thou wronged both thy ſelfe and vs?
VVeſt. I cannot ſtay to heare theſe Articles. *Exit.*
Clif. Nor I: Come, coſen lets go tell the Queene.
Northum. Be thou a praie vnto the houſe of *Yorke*,
And die in bands for this vnkingly deed. *Exit.*
Clif. In dreadfull warre maiſt thou be ouercome,
Or liue in peace abandond and deſpiſde. *Exit*
Exet. They ſeeke reuenge, & therfore will not yeeld my L.
King. Ah *Exceter?*
VVar. Why ſhould you ſigh my Lord?
King. Not for my ſelfe Lord *VVarwicke*, but my Sonne,
Whom I vnnaturally ſhall diſinherite.
But be it as it may: I heere intaile the Crowne
To thee and to thine heires, conditionally,
That heere thou take thine oath, to ceaſe theſe ciuill broiles,
And whilſt I liue, to honour me as thy King & Soueraigne.
Yor. That oath I willingly take and will performe.
VVar. Long liue King *Henry: Plantagenet* embrace him.
King. And long liue thou and all thy forward ſonnes.
Yor. Now *Yorke* and *Lancaſter* are reconcilde.
Exet. Accurſt be he that ſeekes to make them foes,
Souud Trumpets.
Yor. My Lord Ile take my leaue, for ile to *Wakefield*
To my caſtell. *Exit Yorke*, and his ſonnes.
War, And Ile keepe *London* with my Souldiers. *Exit.*
Norf. And Ile to Norfolke with my followers. *Exit.*
Mont. And I to ſea from whence I came. *Exit.*
Enter the Queene and the Prince.
Exet. My Lord, heere comes the Queene, Ile ſteale away.
King. And ſo will I.
Queene. Nay ſtaie, or elſe I follow thee.
King. Be patient gentle Queene, and then Ile ſtaie.
Queene. What patience can there be? ah timerous man,
Thou haſt vndoone thy ſelfe, thy ſonne, and me,

And

And giuen ouer rightes vnto the houſe of *Yorke*.
Art thou a King, and wilt be forſt to yeelde?
Had I been there, the Souldiers ſhould haue toſt
Me on their Launces poyntes, before I would haue
Graunted to their willes. The Duke is made
Protector of the Land: Sterne *Faulconbridge*
Commaundes the narrow Seas. And thinkſt thou then
To ſleepe ſecure? I heere diuorce mee *Henry*
From thy bed, vntill that Act of Parlement
Be recalde, wherein thou yeeldeſt to the houſe of *Yorke*.
The Northen Lordes that haue forſworne thy colours,
Will follow mine, if once they ſee them ſpred,
And ſpread they ſhall, vnto thy deepe diſgrace.
Come Sonne, lets away, and leaue them heere alone.

King. Stay gentle *Margaret*, and heare me ſpeake.

Queen. Thou haſt ſpoke too much already, therfore be ſtill.

King. Gentle ſonne *Edward*, wilt thou ſtay with me?

Quee. I, to be murdred by his enemies. *Exit.*

Prin. When I returne with victorie from the fielde,
Ile ſee your Grace: till then, Ile follow her. *Exit.*

King. Poore Queene, her loue to me, & to the Prince her ſonne,
Makes her in furie thus forget her ſelfe.
Reuenged may ſhe be on that accurſed Duke.
Come coſen of *Exeter*, ſtay thou heere,
For *Clifford* and thoſe Northen Lordes be gone
I feare towardes *Wakefielde*, to diſturbe the Duke.

Enter Edward, and Richard, and Montague.

Edw. Brother, and coſen *Montague*, giue me leaue to ſpeake.

Rich. Nay, I can better play the Orator.

Mont. But I haue reaſons ſtrong and forceable.

Enter the Duke of Yorke.

Yor. How now ſonnes? what at a iarre amongſt your ſelues?

Rich. No father, but a ſweete contention, about that which concernes your ſelfe and vs; The Crowne of England father.

York. The Crowne boy? Why *Henries* yet aliue,
And I haue ſworne that he ſhal raigne in quiet till his death.

Edw. But I would breake an hundred oathes to raigne one yeare.

Rich. And if it pleaſe your grace to giue me leaue,
Ile ſhew your grace the way to ſaue your oath.
And diſpoſſeſſe king *Henry* from the Crowne.

Yor. I prethee *Dick* let me heare thy deuiſe.

Rich. Then thus my Lord. An oath is of no moment
Being not ſworne before a lawfull Magiſtrate:
Henrie is none, but doth vſurpe your right,
And yet your grace ſtands bound to him by oath.
Then noble father reſolue your ſelfe,
And once more claime the Crowne,

Yor. I, ſaieſt thou ſo boy? why then it ſhall be ſo,
I am reſolued to win the crowne or die.
Edward, thou ſhalt to *Edmond Brooke* Lord *Cobham*,
With whom the *Kentiſhmen* will willingly riſe:
Thou coſen *Montague*, ſhalt to *Norfolke* ſtraight,
And bid the Duke to muſter vp his ſouldiers,
And come to me to *Wakefield* preſently.
And *Richard*, thou to *London* ſtraight ſhalt poaſt,
And bid *Richard Neuill* Earle of *Warwicke*
To leaue the Citie; and with his men of war,
To meet me at ſaint *Albons*, ten daies hence.
My ſelfe heere in *Sandall* caſtle will prouide
Both men and money to further our attempts.
Now what newes? *Enter a Meſſenger.*

Meſ. My Lord, the *Queene* with thirtie thouſand men,
Accompanied with the Earles of *Cumberland*,
Northumberland, and *Weſtmerland*, and others of the
Houſe of *Lancaſter*, are marching towards *Wakefield*,
To beſiedge you in your Caſtle heere.

Enter Sir Iohn and Sir Hugh Mortimer.

Yorke. A Gods name let them come. Couſen *Montague* poaſt you hence: and boies, ſtay you with me.

Sir *Iohn* and Sir *Hugh Mortimers* mine vncles,
You're welcome to *Sandall* in an happy houre,
The armie of the Queene means to beſiedge vs.

Sir

Sir Iohn. She ſhal not need my Lord, weele meet her in the (field.
Yor. What with fiue thouſand ſouldiers vncle?
Rich. I father, with fiue hundred for a-need,
A woman's generall, what ſhould you feare?
Yor. Indeed many braue battailes haue I won
In *Normandy*, when as the enemie
Hath bin ten to one: and why ſhould I now doubt
Of the like ſucceſſe? I am reſolu'd: Come lets go.
Edw. Lets march away, I heare their drums. *Exeunt*

Alarmes, and then enter the yong Earle of Rutland, and his Tutor.

Tutor. Oh flie my Lord, lets leaue the Caſtle,
And flie to *Wakefield* ſtraight.

Enter Clifford.

Rut. O Tutor looke where bloody *Clifford* comes.
Clif. Chaplin awaie, thy prieſthood ſaues thy life,
As for the brat of that accurſed Duke
Whoſe father ſlew my father, he ſhall die.
Tutor. Oh *Clifford* ſpare this tender Lord, leaſt heauen
Reuenge it on thy head: Oh ſaue his life.
Clif. Souldiers awaie, and drag him hence perforce:
Awaie with the villaine. *Exit* the Chaplin.
How now, what dead already? or is it feare that
Makes him cloſe his eies? Ile open them.
Rut. So lookes the pent vp Lion on the lambe,
And ſo he walkes inſulting ouer his praie.
And ſo he turnes againe to rend his limbes in ſunder:
Oh *Clifford*, kill me with thy ſword, and
Not with ſuch a cruell threatning looke.
I am to meane a ſubiect for thy wrath,
Be thou reuengd on men and let me liue.
Clif. In vaine thou ſpeakeſt poore boy: my fathers blood,
Hath ſtopt the paſſage where thy words ſhould enter.
Rut. Then let my fathers blood ope it againe,
He is a man, and *Clifford*, cope with him.
Clif. Had I thy Brethren heere, their liues and thine
Were not reuenge ſufficient for me.

Or ſhould I dig vp thy forefathers graues,
And hang their rotten coffins vp in chaines,
It could not ſlake mine ire, nor eaſe my heart.
The ſight of any of the houſe of *Yorke*,
Is as a furie to torment my ſoule.
Therfore till I roote out that curſed line,
And leaue not one on earth, Ile liue in hell therfore.
Rut. O let me pray, before I take my death,
To thee I praie, ſweet *Clifford* pittie me.
Clif. I ſuch pittie as my rapiers point affoardes.
Rut. I neuer did thee hurt, wherefore wilt thou kill me?
Clif. Thy father hath.
Rut. But twas ere I was borne?
Thou haſt one ſonne, for his ſake pittie me,
Leaſt in reuenge thereof, ſith God is iuſt,
He be as miſerablie ſlaine as I.
Oh, let me liue in priſon all my daies,
And when I giue occaſion of offence,
Then let me die, for now thou haſt no cauſe.
Clif. No cauſe? Thy Father ſlew my father, therefore die.
Plantagenet, I come *Plantagenet*,
And this thy Sonnes blood cleauing to my blade,
Shall ruſt vpon my weapon, till thy blood
Congeald with his, do make me wipe off both. *Exit.*

Alarmes. Enter the Duke of Yorke ſolus.

Yor. Ah *Yorke*, poaſt to thy Caſtle, ſaue thy life,
The goale is loſt; thou houſe of *Lancaſter*,
Thrice happie chaunce it is for thee and thine,
That heauen abridgde my daies, and calls me hence
But God knowes what chaunce hath betide my ſonnes:
But this I know, they haue demeand themſelues,
Like men borne to renowne by life or death:
Three times this daie came *Richard* to my ſight,
And cried, courrage Father: Victorie, or death.
And twice ſo oft came *Edward* to my view,
With purple Faulchen painted to the hilts,
In blood of thoſe whom he had ſlaughtered.

Oh

O harke, I heare the Drummes: No way to flie?
Noe way to ſaue my life? And heere I ſtay:
And here my life muſt end.

Enter the Queene, Clifford, Northumberland, and ſoldiers.

Come bloody *Clifford*, rough *Northumberland*,
I dare your quenchleſſe furie to more bloud:
This is the But, and this abides your ſhot.
North. Yeeld to our mercies proud *Plantagenet*.
Clif. I to ſuch mercie as his ruthfull arme
With downe right payment, lent vnto my father,
Now *Phaeton* hath tumbled from his Carre,
And made an euening at the noonetide pricke.
Yor. My aſhes like the *Phœnix*, may bring foorth
A bird that will reuenge it on you all,
And in that hope I caſt mine eies to heauen,
Scorning what ere you can afflict me with:
Why ſtay you Lords? what, multitudes and feare?
Clif. So cowards fight when they can flie no longer:
So Doues do pecke the Rauens pierſing tallents:
So deſperate thieues all hopeleſſe of their liues,
Breath out inuectiues gainſt the officers.
Yorke. Oh *Clifford*, yet bethinke thee once againe,
And in thy minde orerun my former time:
And bite thy tongue that flaundreſt him with cowardiſe,
Whoſe verie looke hath made thee quake ere this.
Clif. I will not bandie with thee word for word,
But buckle with thee blowes twiſe two for one.
Queene. Holde valiant *Clifford*, for a thouſand cauſes,
I would prolong the traitours life a while.
Wrath makes him deafe, ſpeake thou *Northumberland*.
Nor. Hold *Clifford*, do not honour him ſo much,
To pricke thy finger, though to wound his heart:
What valour were it when a curre doth grin,
For one to thruſt his hand betwene his teeth,
When he might ſpurne him with his foote away?
Tis warres priſe to take all aduantages,

And ten to one, is no impeach in Warres.

Fight, and take him.

Clif. I, I, ſo ſtriues the Woodcocke with the gin.

North. So doth the Cunnie ſtruggle with the net.

York. So triumphes Theeues vpon their conquered booty,
So true men yeeld by robbers ouer-matcht.

North. What will your grace haue done with him?

Queen. Braue warriours, *Clifford* and *Northumberland.*
Come make him ſtand vpon this Moulehill here,
That aymde at Mountaines with outſtretched arme,
And parted but the ſhaddow with his hand.
Was it you that reuelde in our Parliament,
And made a preachment of your high deſcent?
Where are your meſſe of Sonnes to backe you now?
The wanton *Edward*, and the luſtie *George?*
Or where is that valiant *Crookebacke* prodegie?
Dickey your Boy, that with his grumbling voyce,
Was wont to cheare his Dad in mutenies?
Or amongſt the reſt, where is your darling *Rutland?*
Looke *Yorke*; I dipt this Napkin in the blood
That valiant *Clifford* with his Rapier poynt,
Made iſſue from the booſome of thy Boy:
And if thine eyes can water for his death,
I giue thee this, to dry thy cheekes withall.
Alas poore *Yorke*, But that I hate thee much,
I ſhould lament thy miſerable ſtate:
I prethee grieue, to make me merry, *Yorke:*
Stampe, raue, and fret, that I may ſing and daunce.
What? hath thy fierie hart ſo parcht thine entrailes,
That not a teare can fall for *Rutlands* death?
Thou would'ſt be feede I ſee to make me ſport.
Yorke cannot ſpeake, vnleſſe he weare a Crowne.
A Crowne for *Yorke?* and Lords bow low to him?
So: hold you his hands while I do ſet it on,
I, now lookes he like a King.
This is he that tooke King *Henries* Chaire,
And this is he was his adopted heire,
But how is it that great *Plantagenet*,

Is crownd ſo ſoone, and broke his holy oath?
As I bethinke me, you ſhould not be King,
Till our *Henrie* had ſhooke hands with death.
And will you impale your head with *Henries* glorie,
And robbe his temples of the Diadem
Now in his life, againſt your holy oath?
Oh, tis a fault too too vnpardonable.
Off with the Crowne, and with the Crowne his head,
And whilſt we breath, take time to doe him dead.

Clif. Thats my office, for my fathers death.

Queen. Yet ſtay, and lets heare the Oriſons he makes.

York. She wolfe of *France*, but worſe than wolues of *France*,
Whoſe tongue more poyſon'd than the Adders tooth:
How ill beſeeming is it in thy ſexe,
To triumph like an *Amazonian* trull
Vpon his woes, whom Fortune captiuates?
But that thy face is vizard like, vnchanging,
Made impudent by vſe of euill deedes:
I would aſſay, proud Queene to make thee bluſh:
To tell thee of whence thou art, from whom deriu'de,
Twere ſhame enough to ſhame thee, wert thou not ſhamles,
Thy father beares the tipe of King of *Naples*,
Of both the *Sifsiles* and *Ieruſalem*,
Yet not ſo wealthie as an Engliſh Yeoman.
Hath that poore Monarch taught thee to inſult?
It needes not, or it bootes thee not proude Queene,
Vnleſſe the Adage muſt be verefide,
That Beggers mounted, runne their horſe to death.
Tis beautie, that oft makes women proud,
But God he wots, thy ſhare thereof is ſmall.
Tis gouernement, that makes them moſt admirde,
The contrarie doth make thee wondred at,
Tis vertue makes them ſeeme diuine,
The want thereof makes thee abhominable.
Thou art as oppoſite to euery good,
As the *Antipodes* are vnto vs:
Or as the South to the Septentrion.
Oh Tygers hart, wrapt in a womans hide!

How couldſt thou draine the life bloud of the childe,
To bid the father wipe his eyes withall,
And yet be ſeene to beare a womans face?
Women are milde, pittifull, and flexible,
Thou indurate, ſterne, rough, remorceleſſe.
Bids thou me rage? why now thou haſt thy will;
Would'ſt haue me weepe? why ſo thou haſt thy wiſh,
For rageing windes blowes vp a ſtorme of teares,
And when the rage alayes, the raine begins.
Theſe teares are my ſweete *Rutlands* obſequies,
And euery drop, begges vengeance as it falles,
On thee fell *Clifford*, and the falſe French woman.
North. Beſhrew me, but his paſſions mooue me ſo,
As hardly can I checke mine eyes from teares.
Yorke. That face of his, the hungry Cannibals
Could not haue toucht, would not haue ſtaind with blood:
But you are more inhumaine, more inexorable,
O ten times more then Tygers of *Arcadia*.
See ruthleſſe Queene a hapleſſe fathers teares,
This cloth thou dipts in bloud of my ſweete Boy,
And loe, with teares I waſh the bloud away.
Keepe thou the Napkin, and goe boaſt of that:
And if thou tell the heauie ſtorie well,
Vpon my ſoule, the hearers will ſhead teares,
I, euen my foes will ſhed faſt falling teares,
And ſay; Alas, it was a pitteous deed.
Here, take the Crowne; and with the Crowne my curſſe,
And in thy need, ſuch comfort come to thee,
As now I reape at thy two cruell hands.
Hard-harted *Clifford*, take me from the worlde,
My ſoule to heauen, my bloud vpon your heads.
North. Had he bin ſlaughterman to all my kin,
I could not chuſe but weepe with him to ſee,
How inlie anger gripes his hart.
Quee. What weeping ripe, my Lord *Northumberland*?
Thinke but vpon the wrong he did vs all,
And that will quickly drie your melting teares.
Clif. Thears for mine oath, thears for my fathers death.

Queen.

Quee. And thears to right our gentle harted kind.
Yor. Open thy gates of mercie gratious God,
My ſoule flies foorth to meet with thee.
Quee. Off with his head and ſet it on *Yorke* Gates,
So *Yorke* may ouerlooke the towne of *Yorke*. *Exeunt omnes.*

Enter Edward and Richard, with drum and Souldiers.

Edw. After this dangerous fight and hapleſſe warre,
How doth my noble brother *Richard* fare?
Rich. I cannot ioy vntill I be reſolu'd,
Where our right valient father is become.
How often did I ſee him beare himſelfe,
As doth a Lion midſt a hearde of neate,
So fled his Enemies our valient father,
Me thinkes tis pride enough to be his Sonne.
Thre Sunnes appeare in the aire.
Edw. Loe how the morning opes her golden gates,
And takes her farewell of the glorious Sunne,
Daſell mine eies? or do I ſee three Sunnes?
Rich. Three glorious Suns, not ſeperated by a racking (cloude:
But ſeuered in a pale cleere ſhining skie.
See, ſee, they ioyne, embrace, and ſeeme to kiſſe,
As if they vowde ſome league inuiolate:
Now are they but one lampe, one light, one Sunne,
In this the heauens doth figure ſome euent.
Edw. I thinke it cites vs brother to the field,
That we the Sonnes of braue *Plantagenet*,
Alreadie each one ſhining by his meed
May ioyne in one and ouerpeere the world,
As this the earth, and therefore hence forward,
Ile beare vpon my Target, three faire ſhining Sunnes.
But what art thou that lookeſt ſo heauilie?
Meſ. Oh one that was a wofull looker on,
When as the noble Duke of *Yorke* was ſlaine.
Edw. Oh ſpeake no more, for I can heare no more.
Rich. Tell on thy tale, for I will heare it all.
Meſ. When as the noble Duke was put to flight,

And then purſude by *Clifford* and the *Queene*,
And many ſouldiers moe, who all at once
Let driue at him, and forſt the Duke to yeeld:
And then they ſet him on a moulhill there,
And crowned the gratious Duke in high diſpight:
Who then with teares began to waile his fall.
The ruthleſſe *Queene* perceiuing he did weepe,
Gaue him a handkercher to wipe his eyes,
Dipt in the bloud of ſweete young *Rutland*
By rough *Clifford* ſlaine: who weeping tooke it vp,
Then through his breſt they thruſt their blouddie ſwords,
Who like a Lambe fell at the butchers feete.
Then on the gates of *Yorke*, they ſet his head,
And there it doth remaine, the piteous ſpectacle
That ere mine eies behold.

Edw. Sweet Duke of *Yorke*, our proppe to leane vpon,
Now thou art gone, there is no hope for vs:
Now my ſoules pallace is become a priſon,
Oh would ſhe breake from compaſſe of my breaſt,
For neuer ſhall I haue more ioy.

Rich. I cannot weepe, for all my breaſts moiſture
Scarſe ſerues to quench my furnace burning heart.
I cannot ioy till this white roſe be dide,
Euen in the heart bloud of the houſe of *Lancaſter*.
Richard, I beare thy name, and Ile reuenge thy death,
Or elſe my ſelfe in ſeeking of reuenge.

Edw. His name, that valiant Duke hath left with thee,
His chaire and Dukedome, that remaines for me.

Rich. Nay, if thou be that princely Eagles bird,
Shew thy diſcent by gazeing gainſt the Sunne.
For Chaire, and Dukedome; Throne, and kingdome ſaie:
For either that is thine, or elſe thou wert not his.

Enter the Earle of Warwicke, Montague, with drum, ancient, and Souldiers.

War. How now faire Lords: what fare? what newes a-(broad?

Rich. Ah gentle *Warwicke*, ſhould we but reporte,

The

The balefull newes, and at each wordes deliuerance,
Stab poniardes in our fleſh, till all were tould:
The words would adde more anguiſh then the woundes.
Ah valient lord, the Duke of *Yorke* is ſlaine.
Edw. Ah *Warwicke, Warwicke*, that *Plantagenet*,
Which held thee deare: euen as his ſoules redemption,
Is by the ſterne Lord *Clifford*, done to death.
War. Ten daies agoe, I drownd thoſe newes in teares,
And now to adde more meaſure to your woes,
I come to tell you things ſince then befalne.
After the blouddie fraie at *Wakefield* fought,
Where your braue father breath'd his lateſt gaſpe,
Tidings as ſwiftlie as the poaſt could run,
Was brought me of your loſſe, and his departure.
I, then in London, keeper of the King,
Muſtred my ſouldiers, gathered flockes of friends,
And verie well appointed as I thought,
Marcht to ſaint *Albons* t'entercept the Queene,
Bearing the *King* in my behalfe along,
For by my ſcoutes I was aduertiſed,
That ſhe was comming, with a full intent
To daſh your late decree in parliament,
Touching King *Henries* heires, and your ſucceſsion.
Short tale to make, we at Saint *Albons* met,
Our battailes ioynde, and both ſides fiercelie fought.
But whether twas the coldneſſe of the King,
Who lookt full gentlie on his warlike Queene,
That robde my ſouldiers of their heated ſpleene:
Or whether twas report of his ſucceſſe,
Or more then common feare of *Cliffords* rigour,
Who thunders to his Captaines bloud and death,
I cannot tell: But to conclude with truth,
Their weapons like to lightnings went and came:
Our Souldiers like the night Owles lazie flight,
Or like an idle threſher with a flaile,
Fell gently downe as if they ſmote their friends,
I cheerd them vp with iuſtice of the cauſe,
With promiſe of high paie and great rewardes.

But all in vaine, they had no hearts to fight,
Nor we in them no hope to win the day,
So that we fled. The King vnto the Queene,
Lord *George* your brother, *Norffolke*, and my ſelfe,
In haſt, poſt haſt, are come to ioyne with you,
For in the marches heere we heard you were,
Making an other head, to fight againe.
Edw. Thankes gentle *Warwicke*,
How farre hence is the Duke with his power?
And when came *George* from *Burgundie* to *England*?
War. Some fiue miles off the Duke is with his power:
But as for your brother, he was lately ſent
From your kind Aunt, Dutches of *Burgundie*,
With aide of ſouldiers gainſt this needfull warre.
Rich. Twas ods belike when valient *Warwicke* fled.
Oft haue I heard thy praiſes in purſute,
But nere till now, thy ſcandall of retire.
War. Nor now, my ſcandall *Richard*, doſt thou heare?
For thou ſhalt knowe that this right hand of mine,
Can pluck the Diadem from faint *Henries* head,
And wring the awfull ſcepter from his fiſt:
Were he as famous and as bold in warre,
As he is famde for mildneſſe, peace, and praier.
Rich. I know it well Lord *Warwicke*, blame me not,
Twas loue I bare thy glories, made me ſpeake.
But in this troublous time, whats to be done?
Shall we goe throw away our coates of ſteele?
And clad our bodies in black mourning gownes,
Numbring our *Auemaries* with our beades?
Or ſhall we on the helmets of our foes,
Tell our deuotion, with reuengfull armes?
If for the laſt, ſaie I, and to it Lords.
War. Why therfore *Warwicke* came to find you out,
And therfore comes my brother *Montague*.
Attend me Lords, the proud inſulting Queene,
With *Clifford* and the haught *Northumberland*,
And of their feather many mo proud birdes,
Haue wrought the eaſie melting King like waxe.

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He ſware conſent to your ſucceſsion,
His oath inrolled in the Parliament.
But now to London all the crew are gone,
To fruſterate his oath, or what beſides
May make againſt the houſe of *Lancaſter*.
Their power I geſſe them fiftie thouſand ſtrong.
Now if the helpe of *Norfolke*, and my ſelfe,
Can but amount to 48. thouſand,
With all the friends that thou braue Earle of *March*,
Among the louing Welchmen canſt procure,
Why via, To London will we march amaine,
And once againe beſtride our foaming ſteedes,
And once againe crie charge vpon the Foe,
But neuer once againe turne back and flie.

Rich. I, now me thinkes I heare great *Warwicke* ſpeake:
Nere may he liue to ſee a ſunſhine day,
That cries retire, when *Warwicke* bids him ſtay.

Edw. Lord *Warwicke*, on thy ſhoulder will I leane,
And when thou faint'ſt, muſt *Edward* fall:
Which perill heauen forefend.

VVar. No longer Earle of *March*, but Duke of *Yorke*,
The next degree is Englands royall King:
And King of England ſhalt thou be proclaimde,
In euerie Burrough as we paſſe along:
And he that caſts not vp his cappe for ioy,
Shall for th'offence make forfeit of his head.
King *Edward*, valient *Richard*, *Montague*,
Stay we no longer dreaming of renowne,
But forward to effect theſe reſolutions.

Enter a Meſſenger.

Meſ. The Duke of *Norfolke* ſends you word by me,
The *Queene* is comming with a puiſſant power,
And craues your company for ſpeedy counſell.

VVar. Why then it ſorts braue Lords, Lets march away.

Exeunt Omnes.

Enter the King and Queene, Prince Edward, and the Northren Earles, with Drumme and Souldiers.

Queen. Welcome my Lord, to this braue towne of *Yorke*,
Yonder's the head of that ambitious enemie
That ſought to be impaled with your Crowne.
Doth not the obiect pleaſe your eie my Lord?

King. Euen as the rocks pleaſe them that feare their wracke.
Withhold reuenge deare God, tis not my fault,
Nor wittingly haue I infringde my vow.

Clif. My gratious Lord, this too much lenitie,
And harmefull pittie muſt be laide aſide,
To whom do Lyons caſt their gentle lookes?
Not to the beaſt that would vſurpe his den.
Whoſe hand is that the ſauage Beare doth licke?
Not his, that ſpoyles his young before his face.
Who ſcapes the lurking Serpents mortall ſting?
Not he that ſets his foote vpon her backe.
The ſmalleſt Woorme will turne, being troden on;
And Doues will pecke, in reſcue of their broode.
Ambitious *Yorke* did leuell at thy Crowne,
Thou ſimpling, while he knit his angry browes.
Hee but a Duke, would haue his ſonne a King,
And raiſe his iſſue like a louing ſire.
Thou being a King, bleſt with a goodly ſonne,
Didſt giue conſent to diſinherite him;
Which argude thee a moſt vnnaturall father.
Vnreaſonable creatures feed their young,
And though mans face be fearefull to their eyes,
Yet in protection of their tendet ones,
Who hath not ſeene them euen with thoſe ſame wings
Which they haue ſometime vſde in fearefull flight,
Make warre with him, that climes vnto their neſt,
Offring their owne liues, in their younges defence?
For ſhame my Lord, make them your preſident:
Were it not pittie that this goodly Boy,
Should loſe his birth-right through his fathers fault?
And long hereafter ſay vnto his childe,

What

What my great Grandfather and Grandſire got,
My careleſſe father, fondly gaue away?
Looke on the Boy, and let his manly face,
Which promiſeth ſucceſſefull fortune to vs all,
Steele thy melting thoughts,
To keepe thine owne, and leaue thine owne with him.

King. Full well hath *Clifford* playde the Orator,
Inferring arguments of mightie force,
But tell me, didſt thou neuer yet heare tell,
That things ill got, had euer bad ſucceſſe;
And happie euer was it for that ſonne,
Whoſe father for his hoording, went to hell?
I leaue my ſonne my vertuous deedes behind,
And would my father had left me no more;
For all the reſt is held at ſuch a rate,
As askes a thouſand times more care to keepe,
Then may the preſent profite counteruaile.
Ah coſen *Yorke*, would thy beſt friendes did know,
How it doth grieue me, that thy head ſtandes there.

Quee. My Lord, this harmeful pittie makes your followers faint.
You promiſd knighthood to your princely ſonne,
Vnſheath your ſword, and ſtraight do bub him Knight.
Kneele downe *Edward*.

King. *Edward Plantagenet*, ariſe a Knight,
And learne this leſſon Boy, Draw thy ſword in right.

Prince. My gratious father, by your kingly leaue,
Ile draw it as apparant to the Crowne,
And in that quarrell vſe it to the death.

North. Why that is ſpoken like a toward Prince.

Enter a Meſſenger.

Meſ. Royall Commaunders, be in readineſſe,
For with a band of fiftie thouſand men,
Comes *Warwicke* backing of the Duke of *Yorke*;
And in the Townes whereas they paſſe along,
Proclaymes him King, and many flies to him:
Prepare your Battailes, for they be at hand.

Clif. I would your Highneſſe would depart the field,
The Queene hath beſt ſucceſſe when you are abſent.

Queen.

Queen. Do good my Lord, and leaue vs to our fortunes.
King. Why thats my fortune, therefore Ile ſtay ſtill.
Clifford. Be it with reſolution then to fight.
Prince. Good father cheere theſe noble Lordes,
Vnſheath your ſword, ſweete father cry *Saint George.*
Clif. Pitch we our Battell here, for hence we wil not moue

Enter the houſe of Yorke.

Edw. Now periurd *Henry*, wilt thou yeeld thy Crowne,
And kneele for mercy at thy Soueraignes feete?
Quee. Goe rate thy minions proud inſulting boy,
Becomes it thee to be thus malepert,
Before thy King and lawfull Soueraigne?
Edw. I am his King, and he ſhould bend his knee,
I was adopted heire by his conſent.
Georg. Since when, he hath broke his oath,
For as we heare, you that are King,
Though he do weare the Crowne,
Haue cauſde him by new act of Parliament
To blot our brother out, and put his owne ſonne in.
Clif. And reaſon *George.* Who ſhould ſucceed the father,
but the ſonne?
Rich. Are you their butcher? (ſort.
Clif. I *Crookback*, here I ſtand to anſwere thee, or any of your
Rich. Twas you that kild young *Rutland*, was it not?
Clif. Yes, and olde *Yorke* too, and yet not ſatisfide.
Rich. For Gods ſake Lordes, giue ſynald to the fight.
VVar. What ſayſt thou *Henry?* wilt thou yeeld thy crowne?
Queen. What, long tongde *War.* dare you ſpeake?
When you and I met at Saint *Albones* laſt,
Your legges did better ſeruice then your handes.
VVar. I, then twas my turne to flee, but now tis thine.
Clif. You ſayd ſo much before, and yet you fled.
War. Twas not your vallour *Clifford*, that droue me thence.
Northum. No, nor your manhood *Warwick*, that could make
you ſtay.
Rich. Northumberland, Northumberland, we holde thee re-
uerently. Breake off the parlie, for ſcarſe I can refraine the
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execution of my big ſwolne heart, againſt that *Clifford* there,
that cruell child-killer.
Clif. Why, I kild thy Father, calſt thou him a childe?
Rich. I like a villaine, and a trecherous coward,
As thou didſt kill our tender brother *Rutland*,
But ere Sunne ſet Ile make thee curſſe the deed. (ſpeake,
King. Haue done with wordes great Lords, and heare me
Queen. Defie them then, or els hold cloſe thy lips.
King. I prethee giue no limits to my tongue,
I am a King and priuiledged to ſpeake.
Clif. My Lord, the wound that bred this meeting heere,
Cannot be cur'd with wordes, therefore be ſtill.
Rich. Then Executioner vnſheath thy ſword,
By him that made vs all I am reſolu'de,
That *Cliffords* manhood hangs vpon his tongue.
Edw. What ſaiſt thou *Henrie?* ſhall I haue my right or no?
A thouſand men haue broke their faſt to day,
That heere ſhall dine, vnleſſe thou yeeld the crowne.
War. If thou denie, their blouds be on thy head,
For *Yorke* in iuſtice puts his armour on.
Prin. If all be right that *Warwicke* ſaies is right,
There is no wrong, but all things muſt be right.
Rich. Whoſoeuer got thee, there thy mother ſtands,
For well I wot, thou haſt thy Mothers tongue.
Quee. But thou art neither like thy ſire nor dam,
But like a foule miſhapen Stygmaticke,
Markt by the deſtinies to be auoided
As venome Toades, or Lizards fainting lookes.
Rich. Iron of *Naples*, hid with Engliſh gilt,
Thy Father beares the title of a King,
As if a channell ſhould be calde the Sea;
Sham'ſt not, knowing from whence thou art deriu'de,
To parlie thus with Englands lawfull heires?
Edw. A wiſpe of ſtrawe were worth a thouſand crownes,
To make that ſhameleſſe Callet know her ſelfe,
Thy husbands Father reueld in the heart of *Fraunce*,
And tamde the French, and made the *Dolphin* ſtoope:
And had he matcht according to his ſtate,

He might haue kept that glorie till this day.
But when he tooke a begger to his bed,
And grac'd thy poore ſire with his bridall day:
Then that ſun-ſhine bred a ſhowre for him,
Which waſht his fathers fortunes out of Fraunce,
And heapt ſeditions on his crowne at home.
For what hath mou'd theſe tumults but thy pride?
Hadſt thou bin meeke, our title yet had ſlept,
And we in pittie of the gentle King,
Had ſlipt our claime vntill an other age.

George. But when we ſaw our Sommer brought the gaine,
And that the harueſt brought vs no encreaſe,
We ſet the axe to thy vſurping roote:
And though the edge haue ſomthing hit our ſelues,
Yet know thou, we will neuer ceaſe to ſtrike,
Till we haue hewen thee downe,
Or bath'd thy growing with our heated bloods.

Edw. And in this reſolution I defie thee,
Not willing any longer conference,
Since thou denieſt the gentle King to ſpeake.
Sound trumpets, let our blouddie collours waue,
And either victorie, or elſe a graue.

Queene. Staie *Edward*, ſtaie.

Edw. Hence wrangling woman, Ile no longer ſtaie,
Thy words will coſt ten thouſand liues to day.

Exeunt Omnes. *Alarmes.*

Enter Warwicke.

War. Sore ſpent with toile, as runners with the race,
I lay me downe a litle while to breath,
For ſtrokes receiu'd, and many blowes repaide,
Hath robde my ſtrong knit ſinewes of their ſtrength,
And force per force needes muſt I yeeld my ſelfe.

Enter Edward.

Edw. Smile gentle heauens, or ſtrike vngentle death,
That we may die, vnleſſe we gaine the daie.
What fatall ſtarre malignant frownes from heauen,
Vpon the harmleſſe line of *Yorkes* true houſe?

Enter George.

George.

Geor. Come brother, come, lets to the field againe,
For yet theres hope enough to win the daie:
Then let vs backe to cheere our fainting troopes,
Leſt they retire now we haue left the field.

War. How now my Lords? what hap, what hope of good?

Enter Richard running.

Rich. Ah *Warwicke*, why haſt thou withdrawne thy ſelfe;
Thy noble father in the thickeſt throngs,
Cride ſtill for *Warwicke* his thrice valient ſonne,
Vntill with thouſand ſwords he was beſet,
And manie wouudes made in his aged breſt:
And as he totering ſate vpon his ſteede,
He waſt his hand to me and cried aloud:
Richard, commend me to my valient ſonne.
And ſtill he cried, *Warwicke* reuenge my death,
And with thoſe words he tumbled of his horſe,
And ſo the noble *Salsburie* gaue vp the Ghoſt.

War. Then let the earth be drunken with his bloud,
Ile kill my horſe becauſe I will not flie:
And heere to God of heauen I make a vow,
Neuer to paſſe from forth this bloody field,
Till I am full reuenged for his death.

Edw. Lord *Warwicke*, I doe bende my knees with thine,
And in that vow, now ioyne my ſoule to thee,
Thou ſetter vp and puller downe of Kinges,
Vouchſafe a gentle victorie to vs,
Or let vs die before we looſe the day.

Georg. Then let vs haſte to cheare the Souldiers harts,
And call them pillers that will ſtand to vs,
And highly promiſe to remunerate
Their truſtie ſeruice, in theſe dangerous warres.

Rich. Come, come away, and ſtand not to debate,
For yet is hope of fortune good enough.
Brothers, giue me your handes, and let vs part,
And take our leaues, vntill we meete againe,
Where ere it be, in heauen or in earth.
Now I that neuer wept, now melt in woe,
To ſee theſe dire miſhaps continue ſo. *Warwicke* farewell.

War. Away, away, once more ſweet Lords farewell.

Exeunt Omnes.

Alarmes, and then enter Richard at one dore, and Clifford at an other.

Rich. A *Clifford* a *Clifford.*

Clif. A *Richard* a *Richard.*

Rich. Now *Clifford*, for *Yorke* and young *Rutlands* death,
This thirſtie ſword that longs to drinke thy bloud,
Shall loppe thy limbes, and ſlice thy curſed heart,
For to reuenge the murthers thou haſt made.

Clif. Now *Richard*, I am with thee here alone,
This is the hand that ſlabd thy father *Yorke*,
And this the hand that ſlew thy brother *Rutland:*
And heer's the heart that triumphs in their deaths,
And cheeres theſe hands that ſlew thy ſire and brother,
To execute the like vpon thy ſelfe,
And ſo haue at thee.

Alarmes, they fight, and then enters Warwicke and reſcues Richard, and then Exeunt omnes. Alarmes ſtill, and then enter Henrie ſolus.

Hen. Oh gratious God of heauen looke downe on vs,
And ſet ſome endes to theſe inceſſant griefes,
How like a maſtleſſe ſhip vpon the Seas,
This wofull battaile doth continue ſtill:
Now leaning this way, now to that ſide driue,
And none doth know to whome the day will fall.
O would my death might ſtay theſe cruell iarres:
Would I had neuer raignde, nor nere bin king.
Margret and *Clifford*, chide me from the field,
Swearing they had beſt ſucceſſe when I was thence:
Would God that I were dead, ſo all were well,
Or would my crowne ſuffice, I were content,
To yeeld it them and liue a priuate life.

Enter a Souldier with a dead man in his armes.

Soul. Ill blowes the wind that profits no bodie,
This man that I haue ſlaine in fight to day
May be poſſeſſed of ſome ſtore of Crownes,

And

And I will ſearch to finde them if I can,
But ſtay, me thinkes it is my fathers face,
Oh I, tis he; whom I haue ſlaine in fight,
From London was I preſt out by the King,
My father he came on the part of *Yorke*:
And in this conflict I haue ſlaine my father.
Oh pardon God, I knew not what I did,
And pardon father for I knew thee not.

Enter an other Souldier with a dead man.

2. *Soul.* Lie there, thou that foughtſt with me ſo ſtoutly,
Now let me ſee what ſtore of gold thou haſt,
But ſtay, me thinkes this is no famous face;
Oh no, it is my Sonne that I haue ſlaine in fight,
O monſtrous times, begetting ſuch euents,
How cruell, bloodie, and ironious,
This deadly quarrell daily doth beget,
Poore boy thy father gaue the life to late,
And hath bereau'd thee of thy life too ſoone.

King. Woe aboue woe, griefe more then common griefe,
Whilſt Lions warre, and battaile for their dens,
Poore Lambs do feele the rigour of their wraths:
The Red roſe and the Whight are on his face,
The fatall colours of our ſtriuing houſes,
Wyther one Roſe, and let the other flouriſh:
For if you ſtriue, ten thouſand liues muſt periſh.

1. *Soul.* How will my Mother for my fathers death,
Take on with me, and nere be ſatisfide?

2. *Soul.* How will my wife for ſlaughter of her ſonne,
Take on with me, and nere be ſatisfide?

King. How will the people now miſdeeme their King?
Oh would my death their mindes could ſatisfie.

1. *Soul.* Was euer ſonne ſo rude, his fathers blood to ſpill?

2. *Soul.* Was euer father ſo vnnaturall his ſonne to kill?

King. Was euer King thus greeud and vexed ſtill?

1 *Soul.* Ile beare thee hence from this accurſed place;
For woe is me to ſee my fathers face.

Exit with his father.

2. *Soul.* Ile beare thee hence, and let them fight that will,

For I haue murdred where I ſhould not kill.

Exit with his ſonne.

K. Hen. Weepe wretched man, Ile lay thee teare for teare,
Here ſits a King, as woe begone as thee.

Alarmes, and enter the Queene.

Queene. Away my Lord, to *Barwicke* preſently,
The day is loſt, our friendes are murdered,
No hope is left for vs; therefore away.

Enter Prince Edward.

Prince. Oh father flie, our men haue left the Field:
Take horſe ſweete father, let vs ſaue our ſelues.

Enter Exeter.

Exet. Away my Lord, for vengance come along with him:
Nay, ſtand not to expoſtulate; make haſte,
Or elſe come after, Ile away before.

K. Hen. Nay ſtay good *Exeter*, for Ile along with thee.

Enter Clifford, wounded with an arrow in his necke.

Clif. Heere burnes my candle out,
That whilſt it laſted, gaue king *Henry* light.
Ah *Lancaſter*, I feare thine ouerthrow,
More then my bodyes parting from my ſoule.
My loue and feare, glude many friendes to thee,
And now I die, that tough commixture melts.
Impairing *Henry* ſtrengthened miſproud *Yorke*,
The common people ſwarme like ſommer Flies:
And whither flies the Gnats, but to the Sunne?
And who ſhines now but *Henries* enemie?
Oh *Phœbus*, hadſt thou neuer giuen conſent
That *Phaeton* ſhould checke thy fierie ſteedes,
Thy burning carre had neuer ſcorcht the earth.
And *Henry* hadſt thou liu'd as Kings ſhould doe,
And as thy father, and his father did,
Giuing no foote vnto the houſe of *Yorke*,
I, and ten thouſand in this wofull land,
Had left no mourning Widdowes for our deathes:
And thou this day hadſt kept thy Throne in peace,
For what doth cheriſh Weedes but gentle Aire?

And

And what makes robbers bold, but lenetie?
Booteleſſe are plaintes, and cureleſſe are my woundes:
No way to flie, no ſtrength to hold our flight:
The foe is mercileſſe, and will not pittie me,
And at their handes I haue deſerude no pittie.
The aire is got into my bleeding wonndes,
And much effuſe of blood doth make me faint:
Come *Yorke* and *Richard*, *Warwicke*, and the reſt,
I ſtabde your fathers, now come ſplit my breſt.

Enter Edward, Richard, and Warwicke, and Souldiers.

Edw. Thus farre our fortunes keepes an vpward courſe,
And we are graſt with wreathes of victorie:
Some troupes purſue the bloodie minded Queene,
That now towardes *Barwicke* doth poſte amaine,
But thinke you that *Clifford* is fled away with them?
War. No, tis impoſſible he ſhould eſcape:
For though before his face I ſpeake the wordes,
Your brother *Richard* markt him for the graue,
And where ſo ere he be, I warrant him dead.

Clifford grones, and then dyes.

Edw. Harke, what ſoule is this that takes his heauie leaue?
Rich. A deadly grone, like life and deaths departure.
Edw. See who it is, and now the battailes ended,
Friend or foe, let him be friendly vſed.
Rich. Reuerſe that doome of mercie, for tis *Clifford*,
Who kild our tender brother *Rutland*,
And ſtabd our princely Duke of *Yorke*.
War. From off the gates of *Yorke* fetch downe the head,
Your fathers head which *Clifford* placed there,
In ſtead of that, let his ſupply the roome.
Meaſure for meaſure muſt be anſwered.
Edw. Bring foorth that fatall skritch-Owle to our houſe,
That nothing ſung to vs but blood and death,
Now his yll boding tongue no more ſhall ſpeake.
War. I thinke his vnderſtanding is bereft.

Say

Say *Clifford*, doſt thou know who ſpeakes to thee?
Darke cloudie death oreſhades his beames of life,
And he nor ſees nor heares vs what we ſay.
Rich. Oh would he did, and ſo perhaps he doth,
And tis his pollicie in the time of death,
He might auoyde ſuch bitter ſtormes as he
In his houre of death did giue vnto our father,
Geor. Richard, if thou thinkeſt ſo, vex him with eger words.
Rich. Cuſford, aske mercie, and obtaine no grace.
Edw. Clifford, repent in bootleſſe penitence.
War. Clifford, deuiſe excuſes for thy fault.
George. Whilſt we deuiſe fell tortures for thy faule.
Rich. Thou pittiedſt *Yorke*, and I am ſonne to *Yorke*.
Edw. Thou pittiedſt *Rutland*, and I will pittie thee.
Georg. Where's captaine *Margaret* to fence you now?
War. They mocke thee *Clifford*; ſweare as thou waſt wont.
Rich. What not an oath? Nay then, I know hee's dead.
Tis hard, when *Clifford* cannot foord his friend an oath.
By this, I know hee's dead; and by my ſoule,
Would this right hand buy but an howres life,
That I in all contempt might raile at him.
Ide cut it off, and with the iſſuing blood,
Stifle the villaine, whoſe inſtanched thirſt,
Yorke and young *Rutland* could not ſatisfie.
War. I, but he is dead; off with the traytors head,
And reare it in the place your fathers ſtandes.
And now to *London* with triumphant march,
There to be crowned *Englands* lawfull King:
From thence ſhall *Warwicke* croſſe the ſeas to *Fraunce*,
And aske the Ladie *Bona* for thy Queene;
So ſhalt thou ſinew both theſe Landes togither:
And hauing *Fraunce* thy friend, thou needſt not dread,
The ſcattered foe, that hopes to riſe againe.
And though they cannot greatly ſting to hurt,
Yet looke to haue them buſie, to offend thine eares.
Firſt Ile ſee the coronation done,
And afterward Ile croſſe the ſeas to *Fraunce*,
To effect this marriage, if it pleaſe my Lord.

Edw.

Edw. Euen as thou wilt, good *Warwicke* let it be;
But firſt before we go, *George* kneele downe, (ſword,
Wee here create thee *Duke of Clarence*; and girt thee with the
Our younger brother *Richard, Duke of Gloceſter.*
Warwicke as my ſelfe ſhall do and vndo, as him pleaſeth beſt.
Rich. Let me be Duke of *Clarence*; *George* of *Gloſter:*
For *Gloſters* Dukedome is too ominous.
War. Tuſh, thats a childiſh obſeruation.
Richard be Duke of *Gloſter.* Now to London,
To ſee theſe honors in poſſeſſion. *Exeunt omnes.*

Enter two Keepers with bow and arrowes.
Keeper. Come, lets take our ſtandes vpon this hill,
And by and by the Deere will come this way:
But ſtay, here comes a man, lets liſten him awhile.
Enter King Henrie diſguiſde.
Hen. From *Scotland* am I ſtolne euen of pure loue,
And thus diſguiſde, to greet my natiue land.
No, *Henrie* no, It is no land of thine,
No bending knee will call thee *Ceſar* now,
No humble ſuters ſues to thee for right:
For how canſt thou helpe them, and not thy ſelfe?
Keeper. I marry ſir, here is a Deere, his ſkin is a Keepers fee.
Sirra ſtand cloſe; for as I thinke, this is the King,
King *Edward* hath depoſde.
Hen. My Queene & ſonne, poore ſoules, are gone to *France*,
And (as I heare) the great commaunding *Warwicke*,
To intreate a marriage with the Lady *Bona:*
If this be true, poore Queene and Sonne,
Your labour is but ſpent in vaine:
For *Lewis* is a Prince ſoone wonne with wordes,
And *Warwicke* is a ſubtill Orator:
He laughes and ſayes, his *Edward* is inſtalde.
She weepes, and ſayes, her *Henrie* is depoſde:
He on his right hand, asking a wife for *Edward*;
She on his left ſide, crauing ayde for *Henrie.*
Keeper. What art thou that talkes of Kings and Queenes?
Hen. More then I ſeeme; for leſſe I ſhould not be.

A man at leaſt, and more I cannot be,
And men may talke of Kings; and why not I?
Keep. I, but thou talkeſt as if thou wert a King thy ſelfe.
Hen. Why ſo I am in minde, though not in ſhewe.
Keep. And if thou be a King, where is thy Crowne?
Hen. My crowne is in my heart, not on my head.
My crowne is cald Content; a crowne that Kings do ſeldme times enioy.
Keep. And if thou be a King, Crownd with Content,
Your crowne content, and you, muſt be content
To go with vs vnto the officer: for as we thinke,
You are our *quondam* King, *K. Edward* hath depoſde:
And therefore we charge you in Gods name & the Kings,
To go along with vs vnto the Officers.
Hen. Gods name be fulfild, your Kinges name be obayde,
And be you Kinges: commaunde, and Ile obay.

Exeunt Omnes.

Enter King Edward, Clarence, and Gloceſter, Montague, Haſtings, and the Ladie Gray.

K. Ed. Brothers of *Clarence*, and of *Gloceſter*,
This Ladies husband heere, Sir *Richard Gray*,
At the battaile of Saint *Albones* did loſe his life,
His landes then were ſeazed on by the Conqueror:
Her ſute is now to repoſſeſſe thoſe lands,
And ſith in quarrell of the houſe of *Yorke*,
The noble gentleman did loſe his life:
In honour we cannot denie her ſute.
Glo. Your Highneſſe ſhall do well to graunt it then.
K. Ed. I, ſo I will, but yet Ile make a pauſe.
Glo. I, is the winde in that dore?
Clarence, I ſee the Ladie hath ſomthing to graunt,
Before the King will graunt her humble ſute.
Cla. He knowes the game, how well he keepes the winde.
K. Ed. Widdow, come ſome other time to know our mind.
La. May it pleaſe your Grace, I cannot brooke delayes,
I beſeech your Highneſſe to diſpatch me now. (wit.
K. Ed. Lords giue vs leaue, we meane to trie this widdows
Cla. I, good leaue haue you.

Glo.

Glo. For you will haue leaue, till youth take leaue,
And leaue you to your crouch.
K.Ed. Come hither widdow: How many Children haſt (thou?
Cla. I thinke he meanes to beg a Child on her.
Glo. Nay whip me then, hee'l rather giue her two,
La. Three my gratious Lord.
Glo. You ſhall haue fouere and you will be rulde by him.
K.Ed. Were it not pitie they ſhould loſe their Fathers (lands?
La. Be pittifull then dread Lord, and grant it them.
K.Ed. Ile tell thee how theſe lands are to be got.
La. So ſhall you binde me to your highneſſe ſeruice.
K.Ed. What ſeruice wilt thou do me, if I graunt it them?
La. Euen what your Highneſſe ſhall commaund.
Glo. Nay then Widdow Ile warrant you all your husbands
If you graunt to do what he commaundes. (landes,
Fight cloſe, or in good fayth you catch a clap.
Cla. Nay I feare her not, vnleſſe ſhe fall.
Glo. Marie gods-forbot man, for heele take vantage then.
La. Why ſtops my Lord? ſhall I not know my taske?
K.Ed. An eaſie taske; tis but to loue a King.
La. Thats ſoone performd, becauſe I am a ſubiect.
K.Ed. Why then, thy husbands lands I freely giue thee.
La. I take my leaue, with many thouſand thankes.
Cla. The match is made, ſhe ſeales it with a curteſie.
K.Ed. Stay Widdow, ſtay: What loue doſt thou thinke
I ſue ſo much to get?
La. My humble ſeruice, ſuch as Subiectes owes,
and the lawes commaundes.
K.Ed. No by my troth, I meane no ſuch loue,
But to tell thee the troth, I aime to lie with thee.
La. To tell you plaine my Lord, I had rather lie in priſon.
K.Ed. Why then thou canſt not get thy husbands lands,
La. Then mine honeſtie ſhall be my dower,
For by that loſſe, I will not purchaſe them.
K.Ed. Herein thou wrongſt thy children mightilie.
La. Herein your Highneſſe wronges both them and me:
But mightie Lord, this merrie inclination,
Agrees not with the ſadneſſe of my ſute.

Pleaſe it your Highnes to diſmiſſe me either with I or no?
K. Ed. I,if thou ſay I,to my requeſt:
No,if thou ſay no,to my demaund.
La. Then no my Lord,my ſute is at an end.
Glo. The widdow likes him not,ſhe bens the brow.
Cla. Why,he is the bluntеſt woer in Chriſtendome.
K. Ed. Her lookes are all repleate with Maieſtie.
One way or other ſhe is for a King.
And ſhe ſhall be my loue,or elſe my *Queene*,
Saie,that king *Edward* tooke thee for his *Queene?*
La. Tis better ſaid then done,my gratious Lord,
I am a ſubiect fit to ieaſt withall,
But farre vnfit to be a Soueraigne.
K. Ed. Sweet widdow,by my ſtate I ſweare,
I ſpeake no more then what my heart intends:
And that is to enioy thee for my loue.
La. And that is more then I will yeeld vnto,
I know I am to bad to be your *Queene:*
And yet to good to be your Concubine.
K. Ed. You cauill widdow,I did meane my *Queene.*
La. Your grace would be loth my ſonnes ſhould call you Father.
K. Ed. No more then when my daughters cal thee mother
Thou art a widdow, and thou haſt ſome Children,
And (by Gods mother) I being but a Batcheler,
Haue other ſome: why tis a happie thing,
To be the father of manie Children:
Argue no more,for thou ſhalt be my Queene.
Glo. The ghoſtly father now hath done his ſhrift.
Cla. When he was made a ſhriuer twas for ſhift.
K. Ed. Brothers you muſe what talke the widdow and I haue had,you wold thinke it ſtrange if I ſhould marrie her.
Cla. Marrie her my Lord,to whom?
K Ed. Why *Clarence*,to my ſelfe.
Cla. That would be ten daies wonder at the leaſt.
Cla. Why thats a daie longer then a wonder laſts.
Glo. And ſo much more are the wonders in extreames.
K Ed. Well,ieaſt on Brothers,I can tell you,

Her

Her ſute is graunted, for her huſbands lands.

Enter a Meſſenger.

Meſ. And it pleaſe your grace, *Henrie* your foe is taken,
And brought as priſoner to your pallace gates.

K. Ed. Away with him, and ſend him to the Tower:
And lets go queſtion with the man about his apprehenſion.
Lords along, and vſe this Ladie honourably. *Exeunt.*

Manet Gloſter, and ſpeakes.

Glo. I, *Edward* will vſe women honourably,
Would he were waſted, marrow, bones and all,
That from his loynes no iſſue might ſucceed,
To hinder me from the golden time I looke for:
For I am not yet lookt on in the world.
Firſt is there *Edward*, *Clarence*, and *Henrie*,
And his ſonne, and all they looke for iſſue
Of their loynes, ere I can plant my ſelfe:
A colde premeditation for my purpoſe,
What other pleaſure is there in the world beſide?
I will go clad my body in gay ornaments,
And ſull my ſelfe within a Ladies lappe,
And with ſweet Ladies with my wordes and lookes.
Oh monſtrous man to harbour ſuch a thought,
Why, Ioue did ſcorne me in my mothers wombe:
And for I ſhould not deale in her affaires,
She did corrupt fraile nature in the fleſh,
And plaſt an enuious mountaine on my backe:
Where ſits deformitie, to mocke my bodie,
To dry mine arme vp like a withered Shrimpe,
To make my legges of an vnequall ſize,
And am I then a man to be belou'd?
Eaſier for me to compaſſe twentie crownes.
Tut, I can ſmile, and murder when I ſmile:
I cry content to that, that greeues me moſt.
I can adde colours to the Camelion,
And for a need, change ſhapes with *Protheus*,
And ſet the aſpyring *Catalin* to ſchoole.

Can I doe this, and can not get the Crowne?
Tuſh, were it ten times higher, Ile pull it downe. *Exit.*

Enter King Lewis and the Lady Bona, and Queene Margaret, Prince Edward, and Oxford, and others.

Lewis. Welcome *Q. Margaret* to the Court of *Fraunce*,
It fits not *Lewis* to ſit while thou doſt ſtand,
Sit by my ſide, and here I vow to thee,
Thou ſhalt haue ayde to repoſſeſſe thy right,
And beate proud *Edward* from his vſurped ſeate,
And place king *Henry* in his former rule.

Queen. I humbly thanke your royall Maieſtie,
And pray the God of heauen, to bleſſe thy ſtate,
Great King of *Fraunce*, that thus regardes our wronges.

Enter Warwicke.

Lew. How now, Who is this?

Queen. Our Earle of *Warwicke*, *Edwards* chiefeſt friend.

Lew. Welcome braue *Warwick*, what brings thee to *France*?

War. From worthy *Edward* King of *England*,
My Lord and Soueraigne, and thy vowed friend,
I come in kindneſſe and vnfaigned loue,
Firſt to do greetinges to thy royall perſon,
And then to craue a league of amitie:
And laſtly, to confirme that amitie,
With nuptiall knot, if thou vouchſafe to graunt.
That vertuous Lady *Bona* thy faire ſiſter,
To *Englands* King in lawfull marriage.

Queen. And if this goe forward, all our hope is done.

War. And gratious Madam, in our Kinges behalfe,
I am commaunded, with your loue and fauour,
Humbly to kiſſe your hand, and with my tongue
To tell the paſſions of my Soueraignes hart:
Where fame late entring at his heedfull eares,
Hath plaſt thy glorious image and thy Aertues.

Queen. King *Lewis* and Lady *Bona*, heare me ſpeake,
Before you anſwere *Warwicke* or his wordes,
For he it is hath done vs all theſe wronges.

War.

War. Iniurious *Margaret.*
Prince Ed. And why not Queene?
VVar. Becauſe thy father *Henrie* did vſurpe,
And thou no more art Prince, then ſhe is Queene.
Oxf. Then *VVarwicke* diſanuls great *Iohn* of *Gaunt*,
That did ſubdue the greateſt part of *Spaine*,
And after *Iohn* of *Gaunt*, wiſe *Henrie* the fourth,
Whoſe wiſedome was a mirrour to the worlde.
And after this wiſe Prince, *Henrie* the fift;
Who with his proweſſe conquered all *Fraunce*:
From theſe, our *Henries* lineally diſcent.
War. Oxford, how haps that in this ſmooth diſcourſe,
You tolde not how *Henrie* the ſixt had loſt
All that *Henrie* the fift had gotten?
Me thinkes theſe peeres of *Fraunce* ſhould ſmile at that:
But for the reſt, you tell a pettigree
Of threeſcore and two yeeres a ſillie time,
To make preſcription for a Kingdomes worth.
Oxf. Why *Warwicke*, canſt thou denie thy King,
Whom thou obeyedſt thirtie and eight yeeres,
And bewray thy treaſons with a bluſh?
VVar. Can *Oxford* that did euer fence the right,
Now buckler falſhood with a pettigree?
For ſhame leaue *Henrie*, and call *Edward* King.
Oxf. Call him my King, by whom mine elder brother
The Lord *Awbray Vere* was done to death:
And more then ſo, my father euen in the
Downefall of his mellowed yeeres,
When age did call him to the doore of death?
No *VVarwicke* no, whilſt life vpholds this arme,
This arme vpholdes the houſe of *Lancaſter*.
VVar. And I the houſe of *Yorke*.
K. Lewy. Queene *Margaret*, Prince *Edward*, and *Oxford*,
Vouchſafe to forbeare a while,
Till I do talke a word with *Warwicke*.
Now *VVarwicke*, euen vpon thy honour tell me true,
Is *Edward* lawfull King or no?
For I were loth to linke with him, that is not lawfull heire.

VVar.

War. Thereon I pawne mine honour and my credit.
Lew. What, is he gratious in the peoples eyes?
War. The more, that *Henry* is vnfortunate.
Lew. What, is his loue to our ſiſter *Bona?* (ſelfe,
War. Such it ſeemes, as may beſeeme a monarke like him-
My ſelfe haue often heard him ſay and ſweare,
That this his loue was an eternall plant,
The roote whereof was fixt in vertues ground:
The leaues and fruite maintainde with beauties ſunne,
Exempt from enuie, but not from diſdaine,
Vnleſſe the Lady *Bona* quite his paine.
Lew. Then ſiſter, let vs heare your firme reſolue.
Bona. Your graunt or your deniall, ſhall be mine,
But ere this day I muſt confeſſe, when I
Haue heard your Kinges deſertes recounted,
Mine eares haue tempted iudgement to deſire.
Lew. Then draw neare Queene *Margaret*, & be a witneſſe,
That *Bona* ſhall be wife to the Engliſh King.
Prince Edvv. To *Edvvard*, but not the Engliſh King.
VVar. Henrie now liues in *Scotland* at his eaſe,
Where hauing nothing, nothing can he loſe:
And as for you your ſelfe, our *quondam* Queene,
You haue a father able to maintaine your ſtate:
And better twere to trouble him then *Fraunce.*
Sound for a Poſt vvithin.
Lew. Here comes ſome Poſt *VVarvvicke*, to thee or vs.
Poſt. My Lord Ambaſſadour, this Letter is for you,
Sent from your brother Marquis *Montague.*
This from our King vnto your Maieſtie.
And theſe to you Madam, from whom I know not.
Oxf. I like it well, that our faire Queene and Miſtreſſe
Smiles at her newes, when *Warvvicke* frets at his.
P. Ed. And marke how *Lewes* ſtampes, as he were netled.
Lewv. Now *Margaret* & *VVarvvicke*, What are your newes?
Queen. Mine, ſuch as filles my hart full of ioy.
VVar. Mine, full of ſorrow and harts diſcontent.
Lewv. What, hath your King married the Lady *Gray*,
And now to excuſe himſelfe, ſendes vs a Poſt of papers?

How-

How dares he preſume to vſe vs thus?
Queen. This prœueth *Edwards* loue, & *Warwicks* honeſty.
War. King *Lewes*, I here proteſt in ſight of heauen,
And by the hope I haue of heauenly bliſſe,
That I am cleare from this miſdeede of *Edwards*.
No more my King, for he diſhonours me,
And moſt himſelfe, if he could ſee his ſhame.
Did I forget that by the houſe of *Yorke*,
My father came vntimely to his death?
Did I let paſſe the abuſe done to my Neece?
Did I impale him with the regall Crowne,
And thruſt king *Henrie* from his natiue home?
And moſt vngratefull doth he vſe me thus?
My gratious Queene, pardon what is paſt,
And henceforth I am thy true ſeruitour:
I will reuenge the wrongs done to Lady *Bona*,
And replant *Henrie* in his former ſtate.
Queen. Yes *Warwicke* I do quite forget thy former faults,
If now thou wilt become king *Henries* friend:
War. So much his friend; I, his vnfaigned friend,
That if King *Lewes* vouchſafe to furniſh vs
With ſome few bandes of choſen Souldiers,
Ile vndertake to land them on our coaſt,
And force the Tyrant from his ſeate by warre.
Tis not his new made Bride ſhall ſuccour him.
Lew. Then at the laſt, I firmely am reſolu'd,
You ſhall haue ayde:
And Engliſh *Meſſenger* returne in poſt,
And tell falſe *Edward*, thy ſuppoſed King,
That *Lewes* of *Fraunce*, is ſending ouer Maskers,
To reuell it with him and his new Bride.
Bona. Tell him, in hope heele be a Widower ſhortly,
Ile weare the Willow Garland for his ſake.
Queen. Tell him, my mourning weedes be layde aſide,
And I am readie to put Armour on.
War. Tell him from me, that he hath done me wrong,
And therefore Ile vncrowne him er't be long.
Ther's thy reward; begone.

Lew. But now tell me *Warwicke*, what aſſurance
I ſhall haue of thy true loyaltie?

War. This ſhall aſſure my conſtant loyaltie,
That our Queene and this young Prince agree:
Let me haue the eldeſt Daughter and my ioy,
To ranſom forth with in holy wedlockes bands.

Quee. With all my heart, that match I like full well,
Send her Sonne *Edward*, ſhe is faire and young,
And giue thy hand to *Warwicke* for thy loue.

Lew. It is enough, and now we will prepare,
The leuie Souldiers for to go with you.
And you Lord *Burbon*, our high Admirall,
Shall wait them ouer the Engliſh coaſt,
And chaſe proud *Edward* from his ſlumbring traunce,
For mocking marriage with the name of Fraunce.
Whil. I came from *Edward* as Embaſſadour,
But I returne his ſworne and mortall foe:
Matter of marriage was the charge he gaue me,
But dreadfull warre ſhall anſwere his demaunde.
For I alone will go to make a fraie but me?
Then I alone but I, ſhall turne his ioy to ſorrow:
I was in chiefe that raiſde him to the crowne,
And I be chiefe to bring him downe againe,
Not that I pittie *Henries* miſerie,
But to ſeeke reuenge on *Edwards* mockerie. *Exit.*

Enter King Edward, the Queene, and Clarence, Glocester, Montague, Haſtings, and Pembrooke, with ſouldiers.

Ed. Brothers of *Clarence*, and of *Glocester*,
What thinke you of our marriage with the Ladie *Gray*?

Cla. My Lord, we thinke as *Warwicke* and *Lewis*
That are ſo ſlacke in iudgment, that theyle take no offence at this ſuddaine marriage.

K. Ed. Suppoſe they do; they are but *Lewis*, and *Warwicke*,
And I am your King: and *Warwicke*, And will be obaied.

Glo. And ſhall, becauſe you are our king, but yet ſuch ſuddaine marriages ſeldome proueth well.

Ed.

Ed. Yea brother *Richard*, are you againſt vs too?
Glo Not I my Lord: no, God forfend that I ſhould
Once gainſay your highneſſe pleaſure:
I, & twere a pittie to ſunder them that yoake ſo wel togither.
Ed. Setting your ſcornes and your diſlikes aſide,
Shew me ſome reaſons why the Lady *Gray*
May not be my Loue, and Englands Queene?
Speake freely *Clarence*, *Gloſter*,
Montague, and *Haſtinges*.
Cla. My Lord, then this is my opinion,
That *Warwicke* being diſhonored in his embaſſage,
Doth ſeeke reuenge, to quite his iniuries.
Glo. And *Lewis*, in regard of his ſiſters wronges,
Doth ioyne with *Warwicke*, to ſupplant your ſtate.
Ed. Suppoſe that *Lewis* and *Warwicke* be appeaſd,
By ſuch meanes as I can beſt deuiſe?
Mont. But yet to haue ioyned with Fraunce in this
Alliance, would more haue ſtrengthned this our
Common wealth, gainſt forraigne ſtormes;
Then any home bred marriage.
Haſt. Let England be true within it ſelfe,
We need not Fraunce nor any alliance with them.
Cla. For this one ſpeache the Lord *Haſtings* well deſerues,
To haue the daughter and heire of the Lord *Hungerford*.
Ed. And what then? It was our will it ſhould be ſo?
Cla. I, and for ſuch a thing too, the Lord *Scales*
Did well deſerue at your handes, to haue the
Daughter of the Lord *Bonfield*, and left your
Brothers to goe ſeeke elſe where: but in
Your madnes, you burie brotherhood.
Ed. Alaſſe poore *Clarence*, is it for a wife,
That thou art mal-content?
Why man be of good cheere, I will prouide thee one.
Cla. Nay, you plaide the broker ſo ill for your ſelfe,
That you ſhall giue me leaue to make my
Choyſe as I thinke good: and to that intent,
I ſhortly meane to leaue you.
Ed. Leaue me or tarrie, I am full reſolu'd,

Edward will not be tied to his brothers wills.

Quee. My Lords, do me but right, and you muſt confeſſe,
Before it pleaſde his highneſſe to aduance
My ſtate to title of a Queene,
That I was not ignoble in my birth.

Edw. Forbeare my Loue, to fawne vpon their frownes,
For thee they muſt obay, nay ſhall obay,
And if they looke for fauour at my hands.

Mont. My Lord, heere is the meſſenger returnde from (Fraunce

Enter a Meſſenger.

Edw. Now ſirra, What letters, or what newes?

Meſ. No letters my Lord; and ſuch newes, as without your Highneſſe ſpeciall pardon, I dare not relate.

Edw. We pardon thee: and as neere as thou canſt, tell me What ſaid *Lewis* to our letters?

Meſ. At my departure theſe were his verie wordes.
Go tell falſe *Edward*, thy ſuppoſed King,
That *Lewis* of Fraunce is ſending ouer Maskers,
To reuell it with him, and his new bride.

Ed. Is *Lewis* ſo braue? belike he thinkes me *Hemy*.
But what ſaide Lady *Bona* to theſe wrongs? (ſhortly,

Meſ. Tell him (quoth ſhe) in hope hee'l proue a widdower
Ile weare the willow garland for his ſake,

Ed. She had the wrong indeed; ſhe could ſay litle leſſe:
But what ſaid *Henries* Queene? for as I heare ſhe was then in place.

Meſ. Tell him (quoth ſhe) my mourning weedes be done:
And I am readie to put armour on.

Ed. Then belike ſhe meanes to plaie the *Amazon*.
But what ſaid *Warwicke* to theſe iniuries?

Meſ. He more incenſed then the reſt my Lord,
Tell him (quoth he) that he hath done me wrong,
And therefore Ile vncrowne him er't be long.

Ed. Ha, Durſt the traitour breath out ſuch proud words?
But I will arme me to preuent the worſt.
But what, is *Warwicke* friends with *Margaret*?

Meſ. I my good Lord, they are ſo linkt in friendſhippe,
That

That young Prince *Edward* marries *Warwickes* daughter.
Cla. The elder? belike *Clarence* ſhall haue the younger?
All you that loue me, and *Warwicke*, follow me.
Exit Clarence, and Sommerſet.
Ed *Clarence*, and *Sommerſet*, fled to *Warwicke*.
What ſaie you brother *Richard*, will you ſtand to vs?
Glo. I, my Lord, in deſpight of all that ſhal withſtand you:
For why hath nature made me halt down right,
But that I ſhould be valient and ſtand to it?
For if I would, I cannot run away.
Ed. Penbrooke, go raiſe an armie preſently,
Pitch vp my Tent; for in the field this night,
I meane to reſt: and on the morrow morne,
Ile match to meet proud *Warwicke*, ere he land
Thoſe ſtragling troopes, which he hath got in Fraunce:
But ere I goe, *Montague* and *Haſtings*,
You of all the reſt are neereſt allied
In bloud to *Warwicke*; therfore tell me, if
You fauour him more then me, or not?
Speake trulie, for I had rather haue you open enemies,
Then hollow friendes.
Mon. So God helpe *Montague*, as he proues true.
Haſt. And *Haſtings*, as he fauours *Edwards* cauſe.
Ed. It ſhall ſuffice: come then, lets march away.
Exeunt Omnes.

Enter Warwicke, and Oxenford, with Souldiers.
War. Truſt me my Lords, all hitherto goes well,
The common people by numbers ſwarme to vs.
But ſee where *Sommerſet* and *Clarence* comes.
Speake ſuddenly my Lords, are we all friends.
Cla. Feare not that my Lord.
VVar. Then gentle *Clarence* welcome vnto *Warwicke*.
And welcome *Sommerſet*. I hold it cowardiſe,
To reſt miſtruſtfull, where a noble heart:
Hath paund an open hand, in ſigne of loue.
Elſe might I thinke that *Clarence*, *Edwards* brother,
Were but a faigned friend to our proceedings:

But welcome ſweete *Clarence*, my daughter ſhalbe thine.
And now what reſtes but in nightes couerture,
Thy brother being careleſſy encampt,
His Souldiers lurking in the towne about,
And but attended by a ſimple guarde,
We may ſurpriſe and take him at our pleaſure:
Our Skoutes haue found the aduenture verie eaſie:
Then cry King *Henrie*, with reſolued mindes,
And breake we preſently into his tent.
Cla. Why then lets on our way in ſilent ſort,
For *Warwicke* and his friends, God and Saint *George*.
War. This is his Tent, and ſee where his guard doth ſtand.
Courage my Souldiers, now or neuer,
But follow me now, and *Edward* ſhall be ours.
All. A *Warwicke*, a *Warwicke*.

Alarmes, and Gloſter and Haſtings flie.

Oxf. Who goes there?
War. *Richard* and *Haſtinges*, let them go: here is the Duke.
Edw. The Duke, why *Warwicke*, when we parted laſt,
thou calldſt me King?
War. I, but the caſe is altred now.
When you diſgraſt me in my Embaſſage,
Then I diſgraſt you from being King,
And now am come to create you Duke of *Yorke*.
Alaſſe how ſhould you gouerne any Kingdome,
That knowes not how to vſe Embaſſadours,
Nor how to vſe your brothers brotherly:
Nor how to ſhrowd your ſelfe from enemies.
Edw. Well *Warwicke*, let Fortune doe her worſt,
Edward in minde will beare himſelfe a King.
War. Then for his minde, be *Edward* Englands king,
But *Henrie* now ſhall weare the Engliſh Crowne.
Goe conuey him to our brother Archbyſhop of *Yorke*,
And when I haue fought with *Penbrooke*, and his followers,
Ile come and tell thee what the Lady *Bona* ſayes:
And ſo for a while, farewell good Duke of *Yorke*.
Exeunt ſome with Edward.

Cla.

Cla. What followes now, all hitherto goes well,
But we muſt diſpatch ſome letters to *Fraunce*,
To tell the Queene of our happy fortune,
And bid her come with ſpeede to ioyne with vs.
Warw. I, thats the firſt thing that we haue to doe,
And free king *Henrie* from impriſonment,
And ſee him ſeated in his regall throne.
Come, let vs haſte away, and hauing paſt theſe cares,
Ile poſt to *Yorke*, and ſee how *Edward* fares.

Exeunt omnes.

Enter Gloſter, Haſtings, and ſir William Stanly.

Glo. Lord *Haſtings*, and ſir *William Stanly*,
Know, that the cauſe I ſent for you is this.
I looke my brother with a ſlender traine,
Should come a hunting in this Forreſt heere;
The Biſhop of *Yorke* befrendes him much,
And lets him vſe his pleaſure in the chaſe:
Now I haue priuily ſent him word,
How I am come with you to reſcue him.
And ſee where the Huntſman and he doth come.

Enter Edward and a Huntſman.

Huntſ. This way my Lord the Deere is gone.
Ed. No this way Huntſman, ſee where the Keepers ſtand.
Now brother and the reſt,
What, are you prouided to depart?
Glo. I, I, the horſe ſtandes at the Parke corner,
Come to *Linne*, and ſo take ſhipping into *Flaunders*.
Ed. Come then: *Haſtings* and *Stanlie*,
I will requite your loues. Byſhop farewell,
Sheeld thee from *Warwickes* frownes!
And pray that I may repoſſeſſe the Crowne.
Now Huntſman what will you doe?
Huntſ. Marrie my Lord, I thinke I had as good
Goe with you, as tarry heere to be hangde.
Ed. Come then, lets away with ſpeede.

Exeunt omnes.

Finis

Enter the Queene and the Lord Riuers.

Riuers. Tell me good Madam, Why is your Grace ſo
paſsionate of late?
Queene. Why brother *Riuers*, heare you not the newes
Of that ſucceſſe king *Edward* had of late?
Riu. What? loſſe of ſome pitcht battaile againſt *Warwicke*?
Tuſh, feare not faire Queene, but caſt thoſe cares aſide,
King *Edwards* noble minde, his honours doth diſplay:
And *Warwicke* may loſe, though then he got the day.
Queen. If that were all, my griefes were at an end:
But greater troubles will (I feare) befall.
Riu. What? is he taken priſoner by the foe,
To the danger of his royall perſon then?
Queen. I, ther's my griefe; King *Edward* is ſurpriſde,
And led away, as priſon vnto *Yorke*.
Riu. The newes is pesſing ſtrange, I muſt confeſſe:
Yet comfort your ſelfe, for *Edward* hath more friends,
Then *Lancaſter* at this time muſt perceiue;
That ſome will ſet him in his throne againe.
Queen. God graunt they may: but gentle brother come,
And let me leane vpon thine arme awhile,
Vntill I come vnto the ſanctuarie,
There to preſerue the fruite within my wombe,
King *Edwards* ſeed, true heire to *Englands* crowne. *Exit.*

Enter Edward and Richard, and Haſtinges with a troope of Hollanders.

Ed. Thus farre from *Belgia* haue we paſt the ſeas,
And marcht from *Rounſpur* hauen vnto *Yorke*:
But ſoft, the Gates are ſhut; I like not this.
Rich. Sound vp the Drumme, and call them to the walles.

Enter the Lord Maior of Yorke vpon the Walles.

Maior. My Lordes, we had notice of your comming,
And thats the cauſe we ſtand vpon our garde,
And ſhut the Gates, for to preſerue the Towne:
Henrie now is King, and we are ſworne to him.

Ed.

Ed. Why my Lord Maior, if *Henrie* be your King,
Edward I am ſure at leaſt, is Duke of *Yorke?*
Maior. Trueth my Lord, we know you for no leſſe.
Ed. I craue nothing but my Dukedome.
Rich. But when the Foxe hath gotten in his head,
Heele quickly make the body follow after.
Haſt. Why my Lord Maior, what ſtand you vpon points?
Open the Gates, we are king Henries friendes.
Maior. Say you ſo, then Ile open them preſently.
Exit Maior.
Ric. By my faith a wiſe ſtout Captaine, & ſoone perſwaded.

The Maior opens the doore, and bringes the Keyes in his hand.

Ed. So my Lord Maior, theſe Gates muſt not be ſhut,
But in the time of Warre: Giue me the keyes.
What, feare not man; for *Edward* will defend the towne
and you, deſpight of all your foes.

Enter ſir Iohn Mountgommery with Drumme and Souldiers.

How now *Richard*, Who is this?
Rich. Brother, this is Sir Iohn *Mountgommery*,
A truſtie friend, vnleſſe I be deceiude.
Ed. Welcome *Sir Iohn*, Wherefore come you in armes?
Sir Iohn. To helpe king *Edward* in this time of ſtormes,
As euery loyall ſubiect ought to doe.
Ed. Thankes braue *Mountgommery*,
But I onely claime my Dukedome,
Vntill it pleaſe God to ſend thee reſt.
Sir Iohn. Then fare you well. Drum ſtrike vp and let vs
March away: I came to ſerue a King and not a Duke.
Ed. Nay ſtay *Sir Iohn*, and let vs firſt debate,
With what ſecuritie we may doe this thing.
Sir Iohn. What ſtand you on debating: to be briefe,
Except you preſently proclaime your ſelfe our King,
Ile hence againe, & keepe them backe that come to ſuccour
you: why ſhould we fight, when you pretende no title?

Rich. Fie brother, fie, ſtande you vpon tearmes?
Reſolue your ſelfe, and let vs claime the Crowne.
Edw. I am reſolude once more to claime the Crowne,
And win it too, or elſe to loſe my life.
Sir Iohn. Now my Soueraigne ſpeakes like himſelfe,
And now will I be *Edwards* Champion,
Sound Trumpets, for *Edward* ſhalbe proclaymde.
Herauld. The fourth by the grace of God, King of England and
France, and Lord of Ireland;
And whoſoeuer gainſayes king *Edwards* right,
By this I challenge him to ſingle fight:
Long liue *Edward* the fourth.
All. Long liue *Edward* the fourth.
Edw. We thanke you all. Lord Maior, lead on the way,
For this night weele harboure heer in *Yorke*,
And then as earlie as the morning ſunne,
Diſperſe his beames aboue this Horiſon,
Weele march to London, to meete with *Warwicke*,
And pull falſe *Henrie* from the Regall throne.

Enter Warwicke and Clarence, with the Crowne, and then king Henrie, and Oxford, and Summerſet, and the young Earle of Richmond.

King. Thus from the Priſon to this princely ſeate,
By Gods great mercies am I brought againe:
Clarence and *Warwicke* do you keepe the Crowne,
And gouerne and protect my Realme in peace,
And I will ſpend the Remnant of my dayes,
To ſinnes rebuke, and my creators prayſe.
War. What anſweres *Clarence* to his Soueraignes will?
Cla. Clarence agrees to what king *Henrie* likes.
King. My Lord of *Sommerſet*, what prettie Boy is that,
You ſeeme to be ſo carefull of?
Som. And it pleaſe your Grace, it is young *Henrie*,
Earle of *Richmond*.
King. Henrie of *Richmond*, Come hither prettie Ladde,
If heauenly powers doe aime aright

To

To my diuining thoughtes, thou prettie boy,
Shalt proue this Couutries bliſſe,
Thy head is made to weare a princely Crowne,
Thy lookes are all repleat with Maieſtie:
Make much of him my Lordes, for this is he,
Shal helpe you more, then you are hurt by me.

Enter one with a letter to Warwicke.

War. What counſell Lords? *Edward* from *Belgia*,
With haſtie *Germaines* and blunt *Hollanders*,
Is paſt in ſafetie through the narrow ſeas,
And with his troopes do marteh amaine towards London,
And many giddie people follow him.
Oxf. Tis beſt to looke to this betimes,
For if this fire doe kindle any further,
It will be hard for vs to quench it out.
Warw. In *Warwicke* ſhire I haue true hearted friendes,
Not mutinous in peace, yet bold in warre,
Them will I muſter vp, and thou ſoone *Clarence* ſhalt
In Eſſex, Suffolke, Norfolke, and in Kent,
Stirre vp the Knights and Gentlemen to come with thee,
And thou brother *Montague*, in Leiſter ſhire,
Buckingham and Northampton ſhire ſhalt finde,
Men well inclinde to doo what thou commaunds,
And thou braue *Oxford* wondrous well belou'd,
Shalt in thy countries muſter vp thy friends.
My ſoueraigne with his louing Citizens,
Shall reſt in London till we come to him.
Faire Lordes, take leaue and ſtand not to replie:
Farewell my Soueraigne.
King. Farewell my *Hector*, my *Troyes* true hope.
Warw. Farewell ſweete Lordes, lets meete at Couentrie.
All. Agreed. *Exeunt Omnes.*

Enter Edward and his traine.

Ed. Seaſe on the ſhamefull *Henrie*,
And once againe conuay him to the Tower,

Away with him, I will not heare him ſpeake.
And now towards Couentrie lets bend our courſe,
To meet with *Warwicke*, and his confederates.

Exeunt Omnes.

Enter Warwicke on the Walles.

War. Where is the poſt that came from valient *Oxford?*
How far hence is thy Lord, my honeſt fellowe?
Ox. Poſt. By this at *Daintrie*, marching hitherward.
War. Where is our brother *Montague?*
Where is the poſt that came from *Montague?*
Poſt. I left him at *Donſmore*, with his troopes.
War. Say *Sommerfield*, where is my loueing ſonne?
And by thy geſſe, how farre is *Clarence* hence?
Som. At *Southam* my Lord, I left him with his force,
And do expect him two howers hence.
War. Then Oxford is at hand, I heare his drum.

Enter Edward, and his power.

Glo. See Brother where the ſurly *Warwicke* mans the wall.
War. O vnbid ſpight: is ſpotfull *Edward* come?
Where ſlept our ſcoutes? or how are they ſeduc'd?
That we could haue no newes of their repaire?
Ed. Now *Warwicke*, wilt thou be ſorie for thy faultes,
And call *Edward* King, and he will pardon thee?
War. Nay rather wilt thou draw thy forces backe,
Confeſſe who ſet thee vp, and puld thee downe:
Call *Warwicke* patron, and be penitent,
And thou ſhalt ſtill remaine the Duke of *Yorke*.
Glo. I had thought at leaſt he would haue ſaid the King,
Or did he make the leaſt againſt his will?
War. T'was *Warwicke*, gaue the kingdome to thy brother.
Ed. Why then tis mine, if but by *Warwickes* guift.
War. I but thou art no *Atlas* for ſo great a waight,
And weakling *Warwicke* takes his guift againe,
Henrie is my king: *Warwicke* his ſubiect.
Ed. I prethee gallant *Warwicke* tell me this,
What is the bodie, when the head is off?

Glo.

Glo. Alas that *VVarwicke* had no more foreſight,
But while he ſought to ſteale the ſingle ten,
The king was finely fingred from the decke:
You left poore *Henrie* in the Biſhops pallace,
And ten to one youle meet him in the Tower.
Ed. Tis euen ſo, and yet you are ould *VVarwicke* ſtill,
War. O cheerfull collours: ſee where *Oxford* comes?

Enter Oxford vvith drum and ſouldiers, and all crie Oxford, Oxford, for Lancaſter. *Exeunt.*

Ed. The gates are open, ſee, they enter in,
Lets follow them, and bid them battaile in the ſtreetes.
Glo. No, ſo ſome other might ſet vpon our backes,
Wee'l ſtay till all be entred, and then follow them.

Enter Somerſet with drum and ſouldiers.

Som. Sommerſet, Sommerſet, for *Lancaſter.* *Exeunt.*

Glo. Two of thy name both Dukes of Sommerſet,
Haue ſould their liues vnto the houſe of Yorke,
And thou ſhalt be the third, and my ſword hold.

Enter Montague, with drum and ſouldiers,

Mon. Montague, Montague, for *Lancaſter.* *Exeunt*

Ed. Traiterous *Montague*, thou and thy brother,
Shall deerlie abie this rebellious acte.

Enter Clarence, with drum and ſouldiers,

VVar. And loe where *George of Clarence*, ſweepes along,
Of power enough to bid his brother battaile.
Cla. Clarence, Clarence, for *Lancaſter.* *Exeunt.*
Et tu Brute, wilt thou ſtab *Cæſar* too?
A parlie ſirrah to *George of Clarence.*

Sound a Parlie, and Richard and Clarence whiſpers together, and then Clarence takes his red Roſe out of his Hat and throwes it at Warwicke.

War. Come *Clarence*, comt, thou wilt if *VVarwicke* call.
Cla. Father of *Warwicke*, know you what this meanes?
I throw mine infamie at thee,

I will not ruinate my fathers houſe,
Who gaue his bloud to lime the ſtones together:
And ſet vp *Lancaſter*. Thinkeſt thou
That *Clarence* is ſo harſh vnnaturall,
To lift his ſword againſt his brothers life?
And ſo proud hearted *Warwicke* I defie thee,
And to my brothers turne my bluſhing cheekes:
Pardon me *Edward*, for I haue done amiſſe,
And *Richard*, do not frowne vpon me,
For hence forth I will proue no more vnconſtant.
Ed. Welcome *Clarence*, and ten times more welcome,
Then if thou neuer hadſt deſerued our hate.
Glo. Welcome good *Clarence*, this is brotherly.
War. Oh paſsing traitour, periurde, and vniuſt.
Ed. Now *Warwicke*, wilt thou leaue the Towne & fight?
Or ſhall we beate the ſtones about thine eares?
War. Why, I am not coopt vp heere for defence,
I will away to *Barnet* preſently,
And bid thee battaile *Edward*, if thou dareſt.
Ed. Yes *Warwicke*, he dares, and leades the way,
Lords to the field, ſaint *George* and victorie.

Exeunt Omnes.

Alarmes, and then enter Warwicke, wounded.

War. Ah who is nie? Come to me friend, or foe,
And tell me who is victor, *Yorke*, or *Warwicke*?
Why aske I that? my mangled bodie ſhewes,
That I muſt yeeld my bodie to the earth,
And by my fall the conqueſt to my foes:
Thus yeelds the Cedar to the axes edge,
Whoſe armes gaue ſhelter to the princely Eagle,
Vnder whoſe ſhade the ramping Lion ſlept,
Whoſe top braunch ouerpeer'd *Ioues* ſpreading tree:
The wrinckles in my browes, now fild with bloud,
Were likened oft to Kingly ſepulchers,
For who liu'd King but I could dig his graue?
And who durſt ſmile, when *Warwicke* bent his brow?

Lo

Loe now my glorie ſmeerd in duſt and bloud,
My parkes, my walkes, my mannours that I had,
Euen now forſake me, and of all my lands
Is nothing left me, but my bodies length.

Enter Oxford, and Sommerſet.

Ox. Ah *Warwicke, Warwicke*, cheere vp thy ſelfe and liue,
For yet theres hope enough to win the day,
Our warlike *Queene* with troopes is come from *Fraunce*,
And at *South-hampton* landed all her traine,
And mightſt thou liue, then would we neuer flie.

Warw. Why, then I would not flie, nor haue I now,
But *Hercules* himſelfe muſt yeeld to ods,
For many woundes receiu'd and many moe repaide,
Hath robd my ſtrong knit ſinewes of their ſtrength,
And ſpite of ſpites needes muſt I yeeld to death.

Sum. Thy brother *Montague* hath breathd his laſt,
And at the pangs of death I heard him crie,
And ſaie, commend me to my valient brother,
And more he would haue ſaide, and more he ſaide,
Which ſounded like a clamour in a vaulte,
That could not bedi ſtinguiſht for the ſounde,
And ſo the valiant *Montague* gaue vp the ghoſt.

Warw. What is pompe, rule, raigne, but earth and duſt?
And liue we how we can, yet die we muſt.
Sweet reſt his ſoule, flie Lords, and ſaue your ſelues,
For *Warwicke* bids you all farewell, to meet in Heauen.

He dies.

Oxf. Come noble *Summerſet*, lets take our Horſe,
And cauſe retraite be ſounded through the Campe,
That all our friendes that yet remaine aliue,
May be awarn'd, and ſaue them ſelues by flight.
That done, with them weele poſt vnto the Queene,
And once more trie our fortune in the fielde. *Exambo.*

Enter Edward, Clarence, and Gloſter, with ſouldiers.

Ed. Thus ſtill our fortune giues vs victorie,
And girts our temples With triumphant ioyes.

The

The bigboond *Warwicke* hath breathde his laſt,
And heauen this day hath ſmilde vpon vs all,
But in this cleere and bright ſome day,
I ſee a blacke ſuſpitious cloude appeare
That will encounter with our glorious ſunne
Before he gaine his eaſefull weſterne beames,
I meane thoſe powers which the Queene hath got in *Fraunce*,
Are landed, and meane once more to menace vs.
Glo. Oxford and *Sommerſet* are fled to her,
And tis likelie if ſhe haue time to breath,
Her faction will be full as ſtrong as ours.
Ed. We are aduertiſde by our louiug friends,
That they do holde their courſe towardes Tewxburie:
Thither will we, for willingneſſe rids way,
And in euerie countie as we paſſe along,
Our ſtrengthes ſhall be augmented. Come, lets goe;
For if we ſlacke this faire bright Summers daie,
Sharpe Winters ſhowers will marre our hope for haie.

Exeunt omnes.

Enter the Queene, Prince Edward, Oxford, & Sommerſet, with Drumme & Soulditers.

Quee. Welcome to England, my loning friends of France,
And welcome *Sommerſet* and *Oxford* too.
Once more haue we ſpread our Sailes abroad:
And though our tackling be almoſt conſumde,
And *Warwicke* as our maine-Maſt ouerthrowne,
Yet warlike Lordes, raiſe you that ſturdie poſt,
That beares the ſailes to bring vs vnto reſt.
And *Ned* and I as willing Pilots ſhould
For once with carefull mindes guide on the ſterne,
To beare vs through that dangerous gulfe,
That heretofore hath ſwallowed vp our friendes.
Prince. And if there be, as God forbid there ſhould,
Amongſt vs a timerous or fearefull man,
Let him depart before the Battaile ioyne,
Leaſt he in time of need intiſe another,
And ſo withdraw the Souldiers harts from vs.

I will

I will not ſtand aloofe and bid you fight,
But with my ſword preſſe in the thickeſt throngs,
And ſingle *Edward* from his ſtrongeſt guarde:
And hand to hand, enforce him for to yeelde,
Or leaue my bodie as witneſſe of my thoughtes.
Oxf. Women and Children of ſo high reſolue?
And warriours faint, why twere perpetuall ſhame:
Oh braue young prince, thy noble Grandfather
Doth liue againe in thee: long mayeſt thou liue,
To beare his Image, and to renew his glories.
Som. And he that turnes and flies when ſuch do fight,
Let him to bed, and like the Owle by day,
Be hiſt and wondred at, if he ariſe.

Enter a Meſſenger.

Meſ. My Lords, Duke *Edward* with a mightie power.
Is marching hitherwards to fight with you:
Oxf. I thought it was his pollicie to take vs vnprouided,
but heere will we ſtand, and fight it to the death.

Enter king Edward, Cla. Glo. Haſt. and ſouldiers.

Ed. See brothers, yonder ſtands the thornie wood,
Which by gods aſſiſtance and your proweſſe,
Shall with our ſwordes ere night, be cleane cut downe.
Quee. Lords, Knightes, and Gentlemen, what I ſhould ſay,
My teares gainſay: for as you ſee, I drinke
The water of mine eies. Then no more but this,
Henrie your king is priſoner in the Tower,
His land and all our friends are quite diſtreſt,
And yonder ſtands the Wolfe that makes all this.
Then on Gods name, Lords together crie, Saint *George*.
All. Saint *George* for *Lancaſter*.

Alarmes to the Battaile, Yorke flies, then the Chambers be diſcharged. Then enter the King, Cla. Glo. and the reſt, and the kings great ſhout and cries; For Yorke, for Yorke: and then the Queene is taken, the Prince, Oxford, Som. & then ſound & enter all

Ed. Lo heere a period of tumultuous broiles,
Away with *Oxford*, to *Hames* Caſtle ſtraight,
For *Summerſet*, off with his guiltie head:
Away, I will not heare them ſpeake.
Ox. For my part Ile not trouble thee with words.
Exit Oxford.
Som. Nor I, but ſtoope with patience to my death.
Exit Sommerſet
Ed Now *Edward*, what ſatisfaction canſt thou make,
For ſtirring vp my ſubiects to rebellion?
Prince. Speake like a ſubiect, proud ambitious *Yorke*,
Suppoſe that I am now my fathers mouth,
Reſigne thy chaire: and where I ſtand, kneele thou,
Whilſt I propoſe the ſelfe ſame words to thee,
Which traitour thou would'ſt haue me anſware to.
Quee. Oh that thy father had bin ſo reſolu'd.
Glo. That you might ſtill haue kept your petticoate,
And ne're haue ſtolne the breech from *Lancaſter*.
Prince. Let *Æſop* fable in a winters night,
His curriſh Riddles ſorte not with this place.
Glo. By heauen, brat Ile plague you for that word.
Quee. I, thou waſt borne to be a plague to men.
Glo. For Gods ſake take away this captiue ſcold.
Prince. Nay take away this ſcolding Crookbacke rather.
Ed. Peace wilfull boy, or I will tame your tongue.
Cla. Vntutered Lad, thou art to malapert.
Prince. I know my dutie, you are all vndutifull,
Laſciuious *Edward*, and thou periur'd *George*,
And thou miſhapen *Dick*, I tell you all,
I am your better, traitours as you be.
Ed. Take that, the lightnes of this rayler heere.
Quee. Oh kill me too.
Glo. Marrie and ſhall. (die.
Ed Hold *Richard*, hold, for we haue done too much alrea
Glo. Why ſhould ſhe liue to fill the worlde with words.
Ed. What doth ſhe ſwound? make meanes for her recoue-
Glo. *Clarence*, excuſe me to the King my brother, (rie.
I muſt to London, on a ſerious matter.

Ere

Ere you come there, you ſhall heare more newes.
Cla. About what, prethee tell me?
Glo. The Tower man, the Tower, Ile roote them out.
Exit Gloſter.

Queene. Ah *Ned*, ſpeake to thy Mother boy,
Ah thou canſt not ſpeake,
Traitours, Tyrants, blouddie Homicides:
They that ſtabd *Cæſar* ſhed no bloud at all,
For he was a man, this in reſpect a childe;
And men nere ſpend their furie on a childe;
Whats worſe then tirant, that I may name?
You haue no children Deuells, if you had,
The thought of them, would then haue ſtopt your rage:
But if you euer hope to haue a ſonne,
Looke in his youth to haue him ſo cut off,
As traitours you haue done this ſweet young Prince.
Ed. Away, and beare her hence,
Quee. Nay, nere beare me hence, diſpatch me here,
Heere ſheath thy ſword, Ile pardon thee my death.
Wilt thou not?
Then *Clarence*, do thou do it,
Cla. By heauen I would not do thee ſo much eaſe.
Quee. Good *Clarence* do, ſweet *Clarence* kill me too.
Cla. Didſt not thou heare me ſweare I would not do it?
Quee. I, but thou vſeſt to forſweare thy ſelfe,
Twas ſinne before, but now tis charitie.
Wheres the Diuells butcher? hard fauourd *Rechard*,
Richard where art thou?
He is not heere, Murder is his almes deed,
Petitioners for bloud, he nere put backe.
Ed. Away I ſaie, and take her hence per force.
Quee. So come to you and yours, as to this prince.
Exit.

Edw. *Clarence*, whithers *Gloſter* gone?
Cla. Marrie my Lord to London, as I geſſe,
To make a bloudie ſupper in the Tower.
Ed. He is ſuddaine, if a thing come in his head.
Well, diſcharge the common Souldiers with pay,

And thankes, and now let vs towardes London,
To ſee our gentle Queene how ſhe poth fare,
For by this (I hope) ſhe hath a Sonne for vs.

Exeunt Omnes.

Enter Gloſter to King Henrie in the Tower.

Glo. Good day my Lord. What at your Booke ſo hard?

Hen. I my good Lord. Lord I ſhould ſay, rather;
'Tis ſome to flatter, good was little better,
Good *Gloſter*, and good Diuell, were all alike.
What ſcene of Death hath *Roſius* now to act?

Glo. Suſpition alwayes hauntes a guiltie minde.

Hen. The birde once limde, doth feare the fatall buſh,
And I the hapleſſe male to one poore birde,
Haue now the fatall obiect in mine eye,
Where my poore young was limde, was caught and kilde.

Glo. Why what a foole was that of *Creete?*
That taught his ſonne the office of a Birde,
And yet for all that, the poore Fowle was drowne.

Hen. I *Dedalus*, my poore ſonne *Icarus*,
Thy father *Minos*, that denide our courſe,
The brother *Edward*, the Sunne that ſearde his winges,
And thou the enuious Gulfe that ſwallowed him.
Oh better can my breſt abide thy daggers poynt,
Then can mine eares that tragike hiſtorie.

Glo. Why, doſt thou thinke I am an executioner?

Hen. A perſecuter I am ſure thou art:
And if murdering Innocentes be executions,
Then I know thou art an executioner.

Glo. Thy ſonne I kilde for his preſumption.

Hen. Hadſt thou bin kilde when firſt thou didſt preſume,
Thou hadſt not liude to kill a ſonne of mine:
And thus I propheſie of thee;
That many a Widdow for her Husbands death,
And many an Infants water ſtanding eye,
Sisters for their husbandes, children for their fathers,
[illegible] the time that euer thou wert borne.
[illegible] ſunke at thy birth; an euill ſigne,

The

The night-Crow cride, aboding luckleſſe tune.
Dogges howld, and hideous tempeſtes ſhooke downe trees,
The Rauen rookt her on the Chimnies top,
And chattering Pies in dismall diſcord ſung,
Thy mother felt more then a mothers paine,
And yet brought forth leſſe then a mothers hope:
To wit, an vndigeſted created lumpe,
Not like the fruite of ſuch a goodly tree;
Teeth hadſt thou in thy head when thou waſt borne,
To ſignifie thou camſt to bite the worlde:
And if the reſt be true that I haue heard,
Thou camſt into the world *He ſtabs him.*
Glo. Die Prophet in thy ſpeach, Ile heare no more,
For this, amongſt the reſt, was I ordaynde.
Hen. I and for much more ſlaughter after this.
O God forgiue my ſinnes, and pardon thee. *He dies.*
Glo. What? will the aſpyring blood of *Lancaſter*
Sinke into the ground? I had thought it would haue mounted.
See how my ſword weepes for the poore Kings death,
Now may ſuch purple teares be alwayes ſhed,
For ſuch as ſeeke the downefall of our houſe.
If any ſparke of life remaine in thee,
Stabbe him againe.
Downe, downe to hell, and ſay I ſent thee thither.
I that haue neither pittie, loue, nor feare:
Indeed twas true that *Henrie* tolde me of,
For I haue often heard my mother ſay,
That I came into the worlde with my legges forward:
And had I not reaſon thinke you to make haſte,
And ſeeke their ruines that vſurpt our rights?
The women wept, and the Midwife cride,
O Ieſus bleſſe vs, he is borne with teeth.
And ſo I was indeed: which plainely ſignifide,
That I ſhould snarle and bite, and play the dogge.
Then ſince Heauen hath made my body ſo,
Let Hell make crookt my mind, to anſwere it.
I haue no father; I am like no father.
I haue no brother; I am like no brothers.

And this word *Loue*, which graybeardes tearme diuine,
Be reſident in men like one another,
And not in me; I am my ſelfe alone.
Clarence beware, thou keptſt me from the light:
But I will ſort a pitchie day for thee.
For I will buz abroad ſuch propheſies,
As *Edward* ſhall be fearefulll of his life:
And then to purge his feare, Ile be thy death.
Henrie and his ſonne are gone, thou *Clarence* next,
And by one and one, I will diſpatch the reſt,
Counting my ſelfe but bad, till I be beſt.
Ile dragge thy body in another roome,
And triumph *Henry* in thy day of doome.

Exit.

Enter King Edward, Queene Elizabeth, and a Nurſe with the young Prince, and Clarence, and Haſtinges, and others.

Edw. Once more we ſit in Englandes royall throne,
Repurchaſde with the blood of enemies,
What valiant foe-men like to *Autumes* corne,
Haue we mow'd downe in tops of all their pride?
Three Dukes of *Summerſet*, three ſolde renowmd,
For hardie and vndoubted champions.
Two *Cliffords*, as the father and the ſonne:
And two *Northumberlands*: two brauer men
Nere ſpurd their courſers at the trumpets ſound.
With them the two rough Beares, *Warwicke* & *Montague*.
That in their chaines fettered the kingly Lion,
And made the forreſt tremble w'.en they roard:
Thus haue we ſwept ſuſpition from our ſeate,
And made our footeſtoole of ſecuriitie.
Come hither *Beſſe*, and let me kiſſe my Boy,
Young *Ned*, for thee, thine Vncles and my ſelfe,
Haue in our Armours watcht the Winters night,
Marcht all a foote in Summers ſcalding heat,

That

That thou mightſt repoſſeſſe the crowne in peace,
And of our labours thou ſhalt reape the gaine.
Glo. Ile blaſt his harueſt and your head were layde,
For yet I am not lookt on in the worlde.
This Shoulder was ordainde ſo thicke, to heaue,
And heaue it ſhall ſome waight, or breake my backe:
Worke thou the way, and thou ſhalt execute.
Edw. Clarence, and *Glo'ſter*, loue my louely Queene,
And kiſſe your Princely Nephew, brothers both.
Cla. The duetie that I owe vnto your Maieſtie,
I ſeale vpon the roſiate lippes of this ſweete Babe.
Queen. Thankes noble *Clarence*, worthy brother thankes.
Glo. And that I loue the fruite from whence thou ſprangſt,
Witneſſe the louing kiſſe I giue the childe.
To ſay the trueth, ſo *Iudas* kiſt his Maiſter:
And ſo he cride, All haile; and meant all harme.
Edward. Now am I ſeated as my ſoule delightes,
Hauing my Countries peace, and brothers loues.
Cla. What will your Grace haue done with *Margaret?*
Reynard her father to the king of *Fraunce*,
Hath paund the *Cyſels* and *Ieruſalem*,
And hither haue they ſent it for her ranſome.
Edw. Away with her, and waft her hence to *Fraunce*.
And now what reſtes, but that we ſpend the time,
With ſtately triumphes, and mirthfull comicke ſhewes,
Such as befits the pleaſures of the Court,
Sound Drummes and Trumpets: farewell to ſower annoy,
For here I hope, begins our laſting ioy.

Exeunt omnes.

FINIS.